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Chanukah on Parliament Hill marks double celebration

With the lighting of the first Chanukah candle in the Hall of Honour on Parliament Hill, the Jewish community also marked the beginning of celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel.

The evening was hosted by David Sultan, Israel's ambassador to Canada, and his wife Adina, and Senator Leo Kolber, the honorary chair of the National Committee of Canadian Jewry for the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel, and his wife Sandra.

Close to 1,000 people were in attendance, including Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray, House of Commons Speaker Gilbert Parent, members of parliament, diplomats, senior government officials and members of the local and national Jewish community.

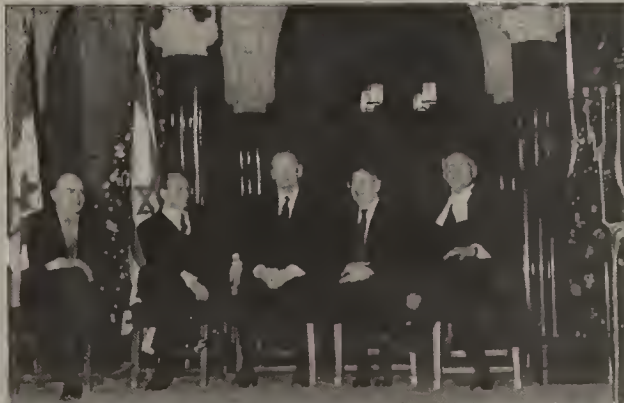
In his remarks preceding the Menorah lighting, Rabbi Reuven Bulka said: "This is a very special Chanukah ... our ancestors could never have dreamed that one

day their posterity would celebrate Chanukah in the halls of government and in the presence of its most distinguished leaders."

While citing Israel's many achievements, Ambassador Sultan emphasized the need for Israel to continue the peace process. "We still face many challenges," he said.

"One of the most important of them now is the completion of the peace process with our Palestinian and Arab neighbors. It is a difficult and agonizing process but I have no doubt that eventually we will have a comprehensive peace. We all need peace. We all deserve peace. We all have no other alternative but peace," he added.

Guests enjoyed potato latkes and falafel and were treated to traditional holiday tunes sung by cantors Daniel Benlolo, Stephen Chalet, Yair Subar and David Aptowitz. Cantor Benlolo also led the Jewish Community Youth Choir in a selection of Chanukah songs.



Welcoming Chanukah on Parliament Hill are (from left to right): Deputy Prime Minister Herb Gray, Senator Leo Kolber, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, Ambassador David Sultan and Commons Speaker Gilbert Parent.



A foundation for the future

The next phase of the new Jewish Community Campus, the Joseph and Rose Ages Building, has begun.

It will house the Jewish Community Centre and the offices of the Vaad Ha'Ir.

The foundation has been poured, rooms are taking shape and, before long, the walls of the building will be in place.



Sam Petigorsky, who recently retired as gabbai rishon of the Chevrn Kadisha, is seen affixing the Mezuzah to the new Jewish Memorial Chapel. Looking on are Moe Litwack (left) and M. Sidney Green, members of the Chevrn Kadisha.

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Open your home and your heart to new immigrants



VAAD REPORT

BARBARA FARBER
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

Jewish Family Services has long contributed to the integration and assimilation of new immigrants to the Ottawa Jewish community. Following waves of immigration from countries around the world, JFS has been there to provide a warm welcome, assistance and information to families and individuals whose country of origin was less than friendly. Because of political realities in their home states many were unable to take advantage of Jewish education, religious practice, culture and tradition.

Lenny and I joined the Chanukah celebrations held at Agudath Israel Synagogue which was hosted by JFS for our Russian community. There were approximately 250 people there, mostly families with beautiful children ranging in age from infants to teens. It is wonderful to see how many of these people have chosen Ottawa as their new home. In my remarks that afternoon I described the difference between us and them, referring to the number of years since our parents, grandparents or great-grandparents had arrived. But I also reminded all of those present that one day they would be the parents, grandparents and great-grandparents of Canadians.

December 4, 1925 is a very special anniversary date in our family. It is the day that my grandfather, Harry Leikin, arrived on the shores of Canada from Russia. Through hard work, skill and a whole lot of determination he carved out a place for himself and his family in the Ottawa community. To extend the legacy that he and so many other immigrants left for their Canadian families,

we too can offer a hand to the next generation of newcomers.

Mark Zarecki (JFS) and Janet Isserlin (JIAS) have developed some great programs for new arrivals from the former Soviet Union (FSU). The latest of these is called "Family to Family". The goal of this particular program is to help integrate families into our community by encouraging a link with Jewish residents.

We offer you the opportunity to meet these well educated, professional people looking for a first chance to freely participate in Jewish life. In the coming year, Mark is planning to introduce and pair 50 families, some with children, some single parents and many seniors, with similar Ottawa volunteer families who will be asked to serve as mentors by sharing social and religious occasions, advice, information and direction. Sometimes all that's needed is a cup of tea, a shmoosie, or a shared children's playtime.

Because of their isolation from Judaism, an accompanying hand into a synagogue or religious ceremony is particularly welcome. In many cases, religious education has been entirely absent for these families. Attending a synagogue or even a Shabbat meal in someone else's home can be intimidating for one inexperienced in the rituals, language and customs. We, as a community, can help!

Assimilation into everyday living, i.e. choosing a school system, obtaining OHIP coverage, acquiring a driver's licence, job hunting, finding medical and other professional resources, taking a bus, using a bank machine, etc. can be overwhelming to any newcomer, but especially for those from a different political, cultural and religious climate. There are so many details that we simply take for granted.

Although most immigrants from the FSU have some degree of fluency in English this may not be enough to negotiate the basic issues needed to start a new life. Very few speak French or even Yiddish.

This is a Mitzvah waiting for Menschen. Judging from

the overwhelming response to both the Food Bank and the Tikvah Fund, I know that you just need to be made aware of the issue and you will respond with warmth and generosity. We have the spirit of Kehila and Tzedaka that could make this project a very successful one.

If you wish to participate in this wonderful effort by becoming a volunteer family, please call Janet at 789-1800 and open your home and your heart to what could be a very enriching experience.

After nine years of working for the community and seven years as director of United Jewish Appeal, Pauline Pankowski has announced that she will be leaving the organization on June 1, 1998. Pauline has had a long and distinguished career with the Vaad and UJA and her presence as a member of our professional staff will be missed. I know that all members of our community and staff who had the opportunity to work with Pauline during her many years of service join me in wishing her well and much success in her future endeavors.

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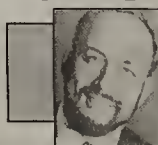
Lending a helping hand

When we speak of community, we include people of all religious, economic and political outlooks as well as social strata, unless we purposely desire to exclude them. By transcending our individuality, we make a commitment to be responsible to others and to create institutions which will ensure that the necessities are provided for everyone. When the Almighty asked Cain where his brother, Abel, was, Cain answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The answer is most definitely yes.

Ottawa's Jewish community has developed sophisticated organizations to provide unique services, which are required to live according to our religious, cultural and educational needs. Old methodologies and requirements must be constantly reviewed to assess if they still reflect and address what is happening and what we should be doing.

Not so long ago, if one of us had a financial problem and people in the Jewish community knew about it, money was collected and hopefully the situation was addressed. Today, the difficulties many are facing cannot be dealt with in such an ad hoc, albeit a very loving way.

Our own statistics reveal that several hundred of our community, for a wide variety of reasons, require help and we must provide it as members of the family. The Kosher Food Bank at my congregation is an important component in helping to provide nutrition. While the initiative may have been taken by our Social Action Committee, this project has seized the enthusiasm, support and conscience of all of the congregations and their members, as well as many who are unaffiliated. The Food Bank currently provides help to over 90 households and, in cooperation with the Jewish Family Services, helps people with both short and longer



FROM THE PULPIT

RABBI ARNOLD FINE
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term needs.

Jewish Family Services also has another project which provides significant financial help for a fixed period. When people are in the position that they must decide whether to pay their hydro, buy medicine, look after the phone bill or purchase a coat or boots for the winter, we must respond. The initiation of the Tikvah Fund last year to deal with these circumstances was a major step in helping. It is supported solely by gifts from members of the Ottawa Jewish community and has already eased the stress and provided help for perhaps 25 to 30 households. Its work is funded solely by individual gifts (which are eligible for a tax receipt). It is exciting to note that a significant number of recipients have been able to find work and subsequently ask to be removed from the list for receiving grants.

Both of these initiatives began in the year, 5757. The last two letters in the Hebrew year are Nun and Zayin; reverse them and you have the word "Zan", nourishment. For this year 5758, the last two letters are Nun and Chet, meaning "Nach", ease. Hopefully we are nourishing and easing the burdens of those who need help. This is the essence of what a community does, providing the basics, so that those in need can eventually deal with their requirements.

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OPINION - DECEMBER DILEMMA

Will the Chanukah flame continue to burn with the same intense light?

By Tibor Krausz

The winter solstice brought a flood of light into the chilly dark. For eight days in late December, as they have for more than two millennia, Jewish homes were ablaze with candlelight. Chanukah.

At nightfall, mother lit a candle of the Menorah and for seven evenings in a row she kindled yet another from the "servant light" of the ninth stick until all the candles were aflame, bathing the room in a sea of luminescence.

But will the flame always burn with the same intense delight? The fact that the recent Chanukah festivities overlapped the Christmas holiday highlighted our age's greatest threat to the continued collective survival of the Jewish people. As with Christmas, Chanukah is a spirituality of light, joy and optimism, and the similarities should end there - but often do not.

Explains Rabbi Ely Braun of Beth Shalom Synagogue: "The December dilemma of Jews all over North America is how to survive Jewishly in the Christmas atmosphere of commercialism. While many people like to believe that Chanukah is the Jewish Christmas, the only connection between the two holidays is their calendar proximity. Both Jewish and Christian theologians might say their respective holidays commemorate God's active role in history ... Aside from the danger of commercialism is the blurring of theological lines between two distinctive beliefs."

Yet even in many of those families who do want to keep Chanukah in the traditional manner, the festival is shedding its original core values and beginning to bear an ever-closer resemblance to Christmas, that most overbearing of all religious holidays.

In many North American Jewish households enough gifts now circulate (as they surely did this past Chanukah too) to go around not for one night, as at Christmas, but for all eight nights of the Chanukah festival. As a further affront to the holiday, the giving of presents at Chanukah is only a recent corruption borrowed freely from the Christmas tradition, which has replaced the earlier custom of giving Chanukah gelt - money.

But gifts aside, soon it may be "To be or not to be" for Chanukah, as we know it, in other respects as well. In non-observant Jewish households where the Christmas tree sneaks in the door, traditional Jewish family values inevitably fly out the window.

And the Christianization of the Chanukah festivities accentuates a far bigger issue than merely holiday customs. The waning of traditional observance across a broad spectrum of North American Jewry carries with it the ultimate hazard to Jewish existence today in Canada: assimilation through complete secularization.

If not religious attachment and communal identification, then what should keep more and more young Jews from ditching Chanukah in favor of Christmas? And when religious identification is gone, communal identification is bound to follow. Those Jews who find no need to justify being Jewish beyond having been born one may well miss out on a vital link to their history and heritage.

And as with general observance, so with Chanukah.

Behind the lustre of the Chanukah festivities, commemorating as they do the miraculous victory in 165 BCE of a small band of Jewish warriors over their multitudinous Syrian oppressors and their historic rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem, lie deeper feelings which could well be lost on the inattentive: the longing for communal ties, the attachment to one's roots, the importance of collective remembrance.

Central to the Chanukah tradition is the idea that the Jews of today are one with their ancestors, with the future always becoming vested in the next generation. Just as the flame of the Chanukah passes from one candle to the next with each new evening, so should the torch pass on to each new generation. But once the next generation is no longer responsive, the candle's flame has hardly any other way to go than out.

Even the Menorah, an immanent presence all through Jewish history and in Jewish households today, symbolizes something ancient and mysterious, fitting into this picture of a world distant from modernity yet still its integral part. The candle's flame is never the same from one instant to the next, yet ideally its essence remains forever unchanged. But will it? Lighting a candle on the Christmas tree in a Jewish household, whatever values you read into inter-religiosity, is hardly the real thing.

But before all else, Chanukah should be the holiday for the Jewish people's collective

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Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds installation (from left to right): Tani Sanders, Ellen Fathi, past chair, Adina Sultan, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Alyce Baker, chair, Vera Klein, Beverly Swedko. (Photo: Robin Chernick)

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Aviva Freedman is a teacher who makes a difference

By Leanne Hazon

Aviva Freedman may only be 4' 11", but she has had an enormous impact as a professor at Carleton University. Freedman is known for developing new and creative programs in education at the university. Her latest project, the Enriched Support Program, helped her win a prestigious national teaching award.

Freedman, 56, a professor of linguistics, has been teaching for over 20 years, and in August she became an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Freedman says it's no surprise that she ended up in education because teaching runs in her family. Her father, the late Rabbi Boruch Kravetz, was one of the founders of Hillel Academy in Ottawa, and her mother was a teacher. Her husband, two sons and both daughters-in-law have also been involved in teaching. It has always been a part of her environment and she loves it.

Freedman, who is an observant Jew, says that her Jewish upbringing has played a significant role in her career and success as a teacher.

"The relationship between student and teacher is recognized as being central in the Jewish tradition and I've always felt that very strongly too. I take great pride in my students' success. They mean a great deal to me. I have close relationships with them not just intellectually and I think I learn a lot from them."

Many students are also learning a lot

thanks to Freedman. In the late '70s she developed a Writing Tutorial Service at the university so any student needing help writing essays could get one on one assistance from a graduate student. It has developed into a large program with 800 students signing up during the first six weeks of this school year.

Two years ago, she developed the Enriched Support Program (ESP) through a Teaching and Learning Fellowship awarded to her by Carleton. The ESP is designed for students who are not accepted to Carleton under regular admission standards but who show academic potential and motivation. Freedman says the university recognizes that students do not always perform to their capacity at the high school level and wanted to give those kids the opportunity to display their true potential in a university environment.

A small number of students are admitted to the program. They take regular university courses, along with regularly admitted students, but with support workshops. Professors are not told which students are in the program and they are graded by the same standards. The program started last year and the students were watched closely to see what would



Aviva Freedman

happen. Freedman is extremely happy with the results.

"I can remember last year sitting in meetings with the tutors and instructors who teach the supplementary workshops and when that first 'A' came through we all cheered. It was just wonderful. It's tremendously satisfying when you see students who really do take off."

Freedman says that on average the students enrolled in the program did better academically than regular students and many have now been admitted to the regular Bachelor of Arts program. She says the program's success is one of the most gratifying accomplishments of her career because education and her students are very important to her.

And she is important to many of them. Natasha Artemeva, a former student of Freedman's, and now her colleague, credits Freedman with much of her own success. Artemeva, who also holds an engineering degree, did her master's degree in Applied Language Studies under Freedman.

"She is my best teacher of all time, a wonderful mentor. She is a very warm person and very knowledgeable. Whenever you're in trouble she can always suggest a way to go and it usually works. She was

able to help me integrate knowledge from my engineering background to use in my research which enabled me to become faculty. Now I'm teaching communication skills to engineering students and without her that wouldn't have been possible."

Freedman's teaching abilities were recognized nationally earlier this year. She was one of the recipients of the 3M Teaching Award, which is considered the most prestigious university teaching award in Canada. The award is given to teachers who have made a difference beyond their classes or faculty through educational innovation. Individuals are nominated by their universities. Their nominations must include strong student support in addition to good teaching evaluations. Carole Dence, Director of the Teaching and Learning Resource Centre at Carleton, has worked with Freedman for over 20 years. She started the nomination process and says Freedman is an excellent teacher.

"She seems to have an extraordinary ability to develop students. She is able to help students find more in themselves than they ever dreamed was there. She pushes them to think further and instills them with confidence in their own ideas."

Freedman says she enjoys helping students and responding to their ideas. She says their success is her success and she is pleased that the programs she's created have had a positive impact.

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Multiculturalism decisions of interest to the Jewish community

By Bonnie Carroll
Chair of the Multiculturalism
Advisory Committee
of the Ottawa Board of Education
(until Dec. 31, 1997)

The Ottawa and Carleton Boards of Education have amalgamated to become the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. The issues relating to multiculturalism and ethnocultural relations will continue to be addressed by a committee of the new board.

Representing the Jewish community for the past four years as a member, including the past year as chair of the Ottawa Board of Education's Multiculturalism Advisory Committee, has been a rewarding experience. Some highlights of interest to the Jewish community include:

- Issuing of the Antiracism and Ethnocultural Equity Policy. This policy laid a framework to commit the board to equity. The intention is to ensure that schools reflect the diversity of Canadian society where all cultures are valued and students are encouraged to have pride in their heritage and in their Canadian identity. Equity is to be achieved in all areas of education including policies and practices, leadership, school-community partnerships, curriculum, student languages, student evaluation, guidance and counselling, employment practices and staff development. Any form of harassment is condemned and not tolerated.

- Lobbying school trustees. The main issues addressed were: accommodating Jewish students when the first day of school coincided with Rosh Hashanah; continuing the

funding for the international language program which included three Hebrew schools; and reversing the decision to eliminate the staff position that coordinates the antiracism and ethnocultural program.

- Circulating a holy days policy and calendar. The policy prohibits the scheduling of tests, exams, major events or school board meetings on these days. The calendar includes the major holy days of all religions, with a brief description of the significance of the holiday.

- Distributing curriculum resource materials. Curriculum encompasses all learning experiences and reflects Canadian society's cultural and racial diversity. It allows all students to confirm their identity and understand and appreciate the points of view of ethnic and cultural groups other than their own.

- Developing specific guidelines concerning school celebrations. Present practices do not reflect the diversity of our Canadian population. Remembrance Day observances should give equal prominence to all religious symbols, or be marked in a secular way, using universal peace symbols. In order to include and validate the religious diversity of students, holy days for all religions should be acknowledged or celebrated as they occur.

- Formulating criteria to identify and eliminate racial and ethnocultural biases, inequities and barriers that may exist in board policies, guidelines and practices.

- Promoting parental involvement. Greater participation of members of ethnocultural communities on school councils and in the education process was achieved

through the distribution of a pamphlet, sponsoring information meetings and publishing articles.

- Representing the Multiculturalism Advisory Committee on other groups, including the Antiracism and Equity Network of the Ottawa Board of Education that included teaching staff and a broad community base to work cooperatively on projects; the Joint Consultative Group that was formed to advise on issues of amalgamation of the two school boards; and a working group to develop the mandate for the new ethnocultural community council for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

Issues of concern to Jewish parents can be addressed only through active participation in the education system. Opportunities for involvement include attendance at school council meetings and the Community Council for Ethnocultural Equity of the new school board.

One of the main issues to address will be funding for international language programs affecting all Hebrew schools at the elementary level. This program is now mandated by the province, but that could change given the province's control over education funding and its commitment to cut educational costs. Other issues will involve the continuation of policies, activities and projects that both the Ottawa and Carleton Boards were working on in their separate committees. The new committee will benefit from the collective experience and will address issues of importance to the Jewish community, such as religious holiday observances, as long as we are actively involved.



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Kosher Food Bank Chanukah report

By Rhoda Bleviss

The Kosher Food Bank located at Agudath Israel for the past nine months, celebrated Chanukah by distributing 69 festive orders within one hour!

The bags were decorated with a holiday graphic designed by Emily Leonoff and the finishing touch to each order was an artistic menorah created by students of one of three Jewish community schools: Hillel Academy, Temple Israel and Torah Academy.

Eight families have now "graduated" from the Kosher Food Bank list.

Three of the families were assisted by the Jewish Family Services in finding employment and the other five families are now also employed.

For the donors, packers, drivers and all parties involved it is heart-warming to know that the Food Bank was able to make a difference in helping people through a difficult time.

Donations of non-perishable food can be dropped off at the shul any day but Shabbat.



Students from Hillel Academy put the finishing touches to Kosher Food Bank Chanukah bags.

Money donations can be made by calling the Agudath Israel office (728-3501).

You, too, can make a difference in peoples' lives.

Collaborative school model promotes Jewish continuity

Torah Academy, of Ottawa, a Jewish day school founded in March 1997, has a distinctive philosophy. Instead of being based on a "top-down" approach - where direction comes mostly from the board and school administration - Torah Academy emphasizes cooperation and collaboration among everyone involved in the educational process.

What this means is that everybody in the "school community" - students, teachers, office staff, parents, the board and school administrators - is actively involved in both decision-

making and the school's ongoing operations.

"The students at Torah Academy have a sense of empowerment which is balanced by the combined values of responsibility and sensitivity to others," says Gladys Zarecki, teacher and vice-principal at the school.

For example, one student, Emily Blitstein, took the initiative to write a letter to the *Ottawa Citizen* suggesting a fund drive for iron and calcium pills for

victims of mineral deficiencies in Uzbekistan. A Hebrew teacher, Claire Cohen, organized a lecture by Holocaust survivor Lea Kalin who shared her experiences with the students.

Parents, active in all aspects of school life, are committed to establishing strong ties with the community. During Chanukah, Bob Dale organized families to go to Hillel Lodge to light candles. Gittel and Arthur Sheffield have arranged frequent get-

togethers at their home for students and parents to interact with the residents of Tamir. A toy and book drive for new immigrants, an initiative of Jewish Family Services, was adopted by the school community.

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FEATURE

An emotional and miraculous encounter in Paris

By Don Sniper

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of war memoirs. The Jewish War Veterans, Ottawa Post, is planning to publish these reminiscences in a book to be titled "There I was". If you have a story you'd like to have included, call the book editor, Cy Torontow (225-2652).

In the late winter of 1945, the squadron to which I was attached (#400, City of Toronto Squadron, flying long-distance photo-reconnaissance Spitfires) was moved to Eindhoven, the Netherlands. The Luftwaffe had recently been ejected from the airstrip as the Canadian forces moved forward into Holland, and there was ample evidence of the recent occupation by enemy aircraft.

These Spitfires were equipped with vertical cameras designed to take high resolution photos from heights of 25,000 feet and over; consequently we did not fly when there was excessive cloud cover below those altitudes. The winter weather had been very erratic and operational flying had been "washed out" for us not infrequently, and time hung heavy on our hands at times. Parked to one side of the airstrip was a small army observation plane, a high wing monoplane designed to cruise at low speeds. Since I had previously been a flying instructor back in Canada, it was a relatively simple matter for me to fly this craft about the Eindhoven airfield, which I proceeded to do when operational flying was washed out. I was the only squadron pilot who bothered to do this.

Billetted with us at the time was a Scots engineering officer, Colonel Cameron, who was in charge of the repair and reconstruction of airfields as the British and Canadian forces advanced towards Germany. Cameron had suddenly been called to a planning meeting with others in Paris, which had been liberated by the Allies at this time. Any hope of his getting there by road in time for the meeting was out of the question. All roads in

the liberated areas of Holland, Belgium and France were clogged with many thousands of troops and military vehicles edging towards the "front", and it would have taken him days to work his way to Paris by any kind of motorized vehicle. We were on friendly terms and he of course knew that I had been flying the observation plane; he therefore asked me if I would fly him across Holland, Belgium and France to Paris, a considerable distance in a plane which cruised well below 100 miles per hour, but which could get him to Paris in one day or less. I jumped at the chance, for reasons I will now detail.

I had and still have a considerable branch of my mother's family in Europe (most of course lost in the Holocaust), including a first cousin Rachel who had married a Polish-Jewish architect, whose last-known residence was in Paris. The husband, Maurice Fainstein, francized to Fansten, a brilliant writer, had become the editor of a French Communist newspaper. I carried their address with me in the unlikely case I might get to Paris before the end or right after the fall of France. But since both were well-known Communists, it appeared likely that both would have disappeared. I had never communicated with the Fanstens. My Lisgar Collegiate five years of French had not equipped me to compose anything so complicated as a letter in respectable French, and I assumed, somewhat incorrectly it turned out, that my cousins would have an equally limited facility with the English language.

In Paris, I checked into a hotel near the Tuileries Gardens, went to the Paris Opera that evening and next morning took a taxi to my cousin's last known address, in the



Don Sniper

19th Arrondissement - a Communist "hotbed" in the thirties - drew up to a respectable stone apartment building and entered the lobby. I was dressed, of course, in RCAF uniform with the usual winter greatcoat, and was confronted by an elderly female concierge who inquired as to my business there, in recognizable French. I told her I was a Canadian cousin of the Fanstens who had once lived at that address:

Did she know what had happened to them? To my astonishment, she replied that Mme Fansten was still there (no mention of Maurice), that she was out but would be back shortly. Would I please wait in the lobby? I sat down.

After perhaps a half-hour wait, a petite dark-haired woman, in her late twenties or early thirties, came in and as she walked through the lobby I knew immediately this was Rachel; there was a strong resemblance to my mother. She glanced at me as she walked by and then was engaged in conversation with the concierge. Suddenly, Rachel turned towards me with a look of astonishment and delight - and we rushed into each other's arms.

Upstairs in her apartment I heard the whole story, understood in a mixture of French and English. Her husband had been rounded up and had disappeared, and with no word from him ever since, she assumed the worst. In the meantime, she had given birth to a boy who had been put, secretly of course, in the care of an elderly Corsican couple who lived in a village on the edge of Fontainebleau Forest, where the husband was a game keeper. We would go visit the boy shortly.

Rachel had managed to escape the Nazi dragnet and had been working for

the Free French underground as a courier, while visiting her boy from time to time. We were exchanging news about family matters when something astonishing, almost beyond belief, occurred. The apartment door opened - and in walked her husband!

The scene that followed is really beyond my powers to describe. Maurice had returned from the dead. He had managed to escape from a concentration camp as the US forces fought their way into central Europe. He had been in two such camps, one of them Belsen, and had escaped Auschwitz because the camp commandant discovered that he had trained as an architect, and he was put to work in an office beside the commandant's, working on fortification drawings. He had had many conversations with the commandant, and when he escaped he carried with him some of the camp records. There were hundreds of pages of entries - the Germans kept details of their prisoners - the names, dates of entry into the camp, cause of death (heart failure by the hundreds). I left them with an arrangement that we would take a bus to visit their boy.

The visit to the edge of Fontainebleau remains in my memory. When the boy saw his mother with two men he rushed to us, and believing I was his father - because I was in uniform - he embraced me. He had no memory of his father. That boy, now in his fifties, visited our family two years ago with his wife and two boys in Stowe, Vermont, where my niece has a winter place. He recalled the meeting back in 1945 and the fact that he thought I was his father. He enjoys a prominent position with French TV, and his younger brother, born of course after the war, is a prominent maker of children's movies, and has worked with Steven Spielberg.

My cousin Rachel and her husband Maurice have passed away, but the memory of that encounter in Paris remains vividly and emotionally in my memory.



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On Sunday, February 8, a virtual army of volunteers will descend on the Catherine Street offices of The Regional Group to conduct the Annual JNF Tu B'Shevat Telethon. All day Sunday, 9 am - 6 pm, relays of callers in two-hour shifts will blanket the Ottawa Jewish Community with the simple request: please support the work of JNF; please purchase trees.

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Dr. Norman Barwin

Leah Schnitzer Memorial Shabbaton to take place February 6-7

Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein will be the keynote speaker at Adath Shalom Congregation's annual Leah Schnitzer Memorial Shabbaton, to be held February 6-7 at the Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue.

In a presentation entitled "The matriarchs through the eyes of their children," Dickstein will examine how Jews from the later books of the Tanach through to today have looked at Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah.

"This is a topic for all of us. Although we may sometimes take

them for granted, the emahot (matriarchs) are as much a part of who we are as Jews and how we look at ourselves," Dickstein says.

Dickstein returns to Adath Shalom where she recently provided rabbinical leadership at High Holy Day services. Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1989, she served as a pulpit rabbi for eight years. She currently lives in New Jersey working as an adult educator and chaplain.

The rabbi will speak on Friday at 7:30 pm and will deliver a Dvar Torah at Shabbat morning services,

beginning at 9:30 am. The program will continue following a kiddush luncheon.

The Leah Schnitzer Memorial Shabbaton is highlighted each year by a visiting rabbinical scholar. It was established in 1996 at the bequest of Dr. Leah Schnitzer, wife of Dr. Morris Schnitzer. Leah was a founding member and role model for women's participation at Adath Shalom Congregation.

The community is invited to attend. For further information, contact Ruth Kahane (825-5219).

Mikveh Israel reopens in the west end

By Neshi Rodin

Mikveh Israel, located in the west end of Ottawa, has reopened its doors after a massive restructuring.

A newly appointed board of trustees has instituted policies modelled after those used in other cities with similar resources. Rather than having formally organized attendants, women utilizing the Mikveh are asked to locate their own partners to attend them. This "buddy system" has been working very smoothly and for those who need help finding a partner, the appropriate arrangements can be made. There are ongoing sessions to familiarize partners with the proper procedures to follow.

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École Maimonides students serve drinks to Hillel Lodge residents.

École Maimonides students perform for Hillel Lodge residents

As part of their Chumosh (Bible) program last term, students of Grades 4 and 5 at École Maimonides prepared a play on the life of Jacob.

After a performance for the entire school, the students performed a second time for Hillel Lodge residents.

"These young students really brought a lot of joy to our residents," said Catherine Cuthbert, director of Cultural Activities at Hillel Lodge.



Hillel Nursery students enjoy preparing latkes with their dads in preparation for Chanukah.

Community-wide Chanukah Party at Beth Shalom first in a series of events

By Kinneret Globberman

It began with a chorus of chazanim. The giant Chanukah was lit, its four candles marking the third night of Chanukah, as cantors Yair Subar (Beth Shalom), Daniel Benlolo (Beth Shalom West), Stephen Chalet (Agudath Israel) and retired cantor David Aptowitzer sang the brachot to a capacity crowd of close to 300. The auditorium of Beth Shalom Synagogue was comfortably crammed with men, women and children from all over the city who had braved the blustery weather for the community-wide Chanukah Party

that took place on December 25.

And what a party it was! Entertainer Yehuda Geler had driven from Montreal, equipment in tow, despite severe highway conditions so that the party could go on. Local musicians Isaac Neiwelt on accordion and clarinetist Aharon Zohar tirelessly graced the crowd with songs throughout the evening. Cantor Subar joined vocal forces with Geler while partygoers did the Jewish version of a do-si-do, hora-style. Klezmer tunes, Yiddish croons and Hebrew melodies had everyone in the house either singing, dancing or clapping hands.

Hunger was sated with latkes, hot dogs and sufganiyot in a real free-for-all; admission to the celebration had been waived with donations welcomed.

When the musicians needed respite, Rabbi Ely Braun of Beth Shalom took to the stage with his version of Reach-for-the-Top (or dreidel in this case). His Chanukah Quiz had every child a winner.

Beth Shalom's Chanukah Party - part of the synagogue's initiative to continue as a dynamic, downtown presence - is the first in a series of community-oriented events.

Annual Talmud Torah and Akiva Shabbat Service

On December 13, Shabbat Vayishlach, the students of Talmud Torah Afternoon School (TTAS) and Akiva High School continued a yearly tradition by leading services at Agudath Israel Congregation.

Congregants were treated to the Shaharit led by Grade 7 followed by the Grade 4 taking out the Torah. The Shema was chanted by Jason Diener. Beatrice Garfinkel, a second year Akiva student, then introduced the Torah portion which was ably chanted by John Avery, Joel Kom, Sean Michaels, Avi Miller Joshua Yan and Avi Yan. Maftir was chanted by Michael Stocker. Corey Balsam provided the Youth Aliyah. Sylvia Lubienetsky gave a concise commentary upon the Haftarah. The Haftarah was chanted by Jordan Aronson and Zivi Weinstein.

TTAS and Akiva High School

used this occasion to honor the work of Cantor David Aptowitzer. Aptowitzer was lauded for his lifelong commitment to Jewish education; his role as the key figure in training young men and women for their B'nai Mitzvah; and his years as a teacher at Talmud Torah and Hillel Academy. Doris Bronstein, principal of TTAS, paid tribute to both the cantor and Gitta Aptowitzer, and spoke of the long and warm relationship between the cantor and her students past and present.

TTAS co-chairs Marcia Cantor and Susan Heisel presented the cantor with a mini-Torah embedded in a lucite stand, and spoke movingly of his role as a living symbol of continuity in the community.

Akiva High School principal Ayala Schachter remembered his innate wisdom and patience as a teacher and friend, and on behalf

of the school presented him with a painting by Cantor Daniel Benlolo, depicting a chazzan teaching a young boy his Bar Mitzvah chant.

The cantor spoke of his initial exposure to a Conservative congregation with great humor, and remembered with pleasure his association with Agudath Israel and the schools of the Talmud Torah Board.

Talmud Torah's Grade 5 students continued the service by returning the Torah to the Ark, at which point Grade 3 sang the Ashrei. The Grade 6 students led the congregation through Musaf; Grade 1 students sang Ain Kelo-haynu.

Brigitte Huot and Ashley Szabadi of Akiva sang Anim Zemirot and Grade 2 students mounted the Bimah to close the service with Aleynu and Adom Olam. Emily Shore of Akiva made Kiddush.

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UIA northern reflections



Canada Makes Its Mark

From the rugged terrain of the Lebanese border to the Galilee's soft hills, Canada's imprint is clearly visible across northern Israel.

United Israel Appeal, funded by local UJA/CJA campaigns, has sponsored more than 30 projects and dozens of services for residents of the north - among them - the Canada Centre recreation complex in Metulla; the Granovsky Auditorium and the Arthur and Ancie Fouks Community Centre in Kiryat Shmona.

The community centre, built by Vancouver's Arthur Fouks, is an educational, social and recreational outlet for adults and children. Since 1990, theatre groups, dance troupes, musicians and other international entertainers have performed in the 700 seat Granovsky Auditorium, financed by the late Phil Granovsky and his wife Shirley from Toronto.

UIA has also guided northern moshavim and kibbutzim through restructuring, to prepare for the future, and helped to upgrade the northern region's education system.

"These facilities minimize the gap between Israelis living in this remote region and those living in more central locations such as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem," explains Amnon Shinar, Director of UIA Canada in Israel.

Physical structures are only part of the strong Canadian connection. Northern Israel is, after all, along the confrontation line - the target, from time to time, of Katyusha rockets raining down from Lebanon. Last year, during Operation Grepes of Wrath, when Katyushas struck cities and towns in the north, UIA Canada representatives traveled to the area to provide moral support, VCR's, cassettes and musical entertainment for residents restricted to bomb shelters. UJA Federation Prime Minister's Mission participants from

Toronto traveled to Kiryat Shmona, Mevo'ot HaHermon and Metulla, lifting spirits along the way.

Our most important objective," says Shinar, "is to strengthen the northern population and help them cope during times of tension."

Looking ahead, Shinar is excited about "building living bridges between the people of the north and their Canadian partners." In July, teachers from Winnipeg, Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver, visited northern Israel for an educators conference. The second stage of the exchange will take place

in March 1998, when an Israeli contingent comes to Canada to share ideas on subjects such as curriculum development and teacher training.

"This is only the beginning," promises Shinar. "Israelis of the north are deeply committed to the concept of partnership. They intend to give back no less than they received."

Canadian & Israeli Teens Score Big at Roger Neilson's Hockey Camp in Israel

Last summer, UIA Canada sponsored the first hockey camp for teenagers at Canada Centre in Metulla. Fifteen Canadians and thirty-two Israelis participated in the program run by former Vancouver Canucks coach Roger Neilson and Florida Panthers forward Bill Lindsay. In addition to spending plenty of time on the ice, the Canadian and Israeli teens also toured the Galilee and Jerusalem. The group hiked, kayaked, jeeped through the region, took part in Jewish identity workshops, had a special Shabbat dinner and talked lachis about Canada's national sport.

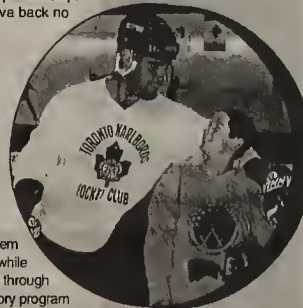
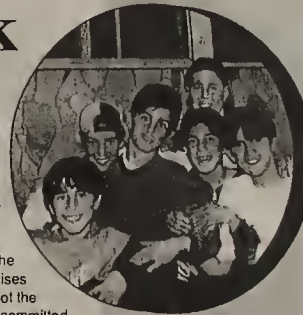
"The camp was a great success," reports Amnon Shinar, Director of UIA Canada in Israel.

"It was an experience I will never forget. We had fun on the ice and off the ice," said Howard Fremeth, of Ottawa, a participant in the 1997 program.

All high school students are eligible to apply for the 1998 version of Roger Neilson's Hockey Camp in Israel. The dates of the program are August 9-23, with an optional post camp Israel tour being held from August 23-31. (Some scholarship assistance may be available.)

Ottawa's Allan Cracower is chairing the recruitment effort for students from the Ottawa area. He also serves as National Chair of Friends of Canada Centre. "Roger Neilson's Hockey Camp in Israel is an exceptional opportunity for those interested in

developing hockey skills, regardless of their level. The camp also helps them get into top shape while experiencing Israel through a unique participatory program geared to active Canadian and Israeli teenagers," noted Cracower. "It's a two week experience guaranteed to last a lifetime!" he added. For more information on Roger Neilson's Hockey Camp in Israel call 1800-567-4772. In Ottawa call the Israel Program Centre at (613) 789-5010.



Canada Centre: Friendship Over The Border

While diplomats and dignitaries painstakingly maneuver to achieve lasting peace between Israel and her neighbours, Metulla's Canada Centre in Israel's most northern community has been successfully promoting peaceful coexistence for years.

In addition to the 5,000 Metulla residents who have made the Canada Centre sports and recreation facility their second home since it was built in 1989, thousands of Lebanese cross through the Good Fence every year to enjoy its modern amenities and innovative programs.

"Our neighbours from Lebanon have been using Canada Centre for many years," explains Metulla Mayor Yossi Goldberg, whose name has become synonymous with the project.

Canada Centre, known as UIA's flagship development in the area, was built with funds raised by Canadian Jewish community campaigns. Since 1976, Israeli children, together with more than 1,000 Christian and Muslim youngsters from south Lebanon, have been celebrating the New Year at Canada Centre.

"Kids are kids, no matter where they come from," says Goldberg. "We all want to do the best we can for them."

Each day, more than 1,600 Lebanese come to work in Metulla and the surrounding area. After bombing raids a year and a half ago, Lebanese workers helped to clean up the debris left by fallen Katyusha rockets.

"When people talk about Metulla they inevitably talk about Canada Centre," boasts Goldberg. "Even Israelis from as far south as Eilat have ventured the length of the country to see for them-

selves an Olympic size skating rink." In fact, 250,000 Israelis visit Canada Centre, each year.

Photos:
Top: Arthur & Ancie Fouks Community Centre
Remaining Photos
Participants in Roger Neilson's Hockey Camp in Israel.

ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

OMJS and Yiddish - A long tradition

By Susan Lightstone

"Yiddish is gezunt un shtark, un lebt in undzer shule OMJS." If you can understand this or wish you could, you'll be delighted to hear that a new generation of children is learning the joys of Yiddish at Ottawa Modern Jewish School (OMJS).

After a short break, Lucy Jason is back on steff teaching Yiddish, a fundamental component of the school's curriculum for over 40 years.

"Yiddish gives Jews a sense of belonging," she says. "When the Jews came to North America from Europe, Yiddish served to bond them together.

If you found a Jewish person, you'd never be lost.

"Yiddish is more than a language. Reading Sholom Aleichem in Yiddish, for example, gives our students a feel for the life of the Jewish people who lived in the shtetls of Europe. The language is full of hardships, but it's also full of our customs and fantastic

humor. 'Tsu lachen un tsu veinen' (to laugh and to cry). That's what Jewish people have done through their his-

tory and it is reflected in the Yiddish language."

"Our Yiddish program makes OMJS unique. Yiddish is not offered by any other afternoon school in Ottawa," comments Charna Mittelman, principal. By the way, here's a rough translation of the first sentence: "Yiddish is alive and well at our school, OMJS."

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A dynamic cast of 60 begins rehearsals for *Bye Bye Birdie*.

JCC Theatreworks assembles largest cast ever for musical *Bye Bye Birdie*

By Estelle Melzer

"It was really overwhelming," marvelled Pat Neuman, co-producer of JCC Theatreworks, describing the week of auditions for *Bye Bye Birdie*. More than 100 teens and adults answered the call to audition for the musical, which will have seven performances April 1 to 5 at Centrepointe Theatre.

Bye Bye Birdie will feature 60 people – the largest cast ever for JCC Theatreworks. "It will be an extravaganza," remarked executive producer Marty Black. "The stage will be hopping with energy and action."

The calibre of the talent was extremely high. "We all remarked on the improvement in the skills of many of our performers," Pat noted. "Young people who had auditioned in the past and had come back again were much more polished. Obviously these kids had been inspired to reach for the top, to work on their skills so that they, too, could be part of JCC Theatreworks."

Over the years JCC Theatreworks has gained a reputation, both with audiences and critics, for being one of the very best musical theatre production companies in the Region.

The large and enthusiastic turnouts for auditions reflected this reputation. So did the many calls from directors, choreographers and others in the local performing arts community, enquiring about working on the show.

With so much talent to choose from, JCC Theatreworks has come up with a stellar production staff as well as cast.

Director Jim McNabb is new to JCC Theatreworks but has worked

in musical theatre for 15 years, directing more than a dozen plays. Musical director Marlene Hudson is a JCC Theatreworks veteran, having worked on *Peter Pan* and other productions. She will be assisted by Casey Chisick, an Ottawa newcomer (he's clerking at the Supreme Court), who led a chorale group in Winnipeg.

Choreographers Lori and Bram Olszynko are well known to any youngsters who have participated in JCC Theatreworks, Triple Threat Musical Theatre Group or Camp B'nai Brith drama productions. They have great rapport with teens and will bring a lot of fun and high energy – as well as skill and teaching talent – to the production.

Rehearsals started in January. Cast and crew will gather at the Jewish Community Centre four times a week for the next three months working and polishing their performances, all focused on the goal of making *Bye Bye Birdie* a knock-your-socks-off show for the Ottawa community.

Tickets are available now at the Centrepointe Theatre box office. Pick them up in person or call 727-6650.



Pat Neuman, co-producer and actor in JCC Theatreworks' *Bye Bye Birdie*, rehearses with cast.

Project Keshar celebrates Chanukah at 23 nursing homes

By Estelle Melzer

Project Keshar brought Chanukah cheer to 23 nursing homes and residences this holiday season. Project Keshar (Connection) is the Jewish Community Centre's outreach program to Jewish seniors in non-Jewish nursing homes. Christmas can make these residents feel particularly isolated, as they are surrounded by Christmas decorations and talk and Christmas-related programming.

Acknowledgement of their holiday, Chanukah, is greatly appreciated at this time of year. Volunteers Ann Bernick, Ed Cohen and Gittel Sheffield helped JCC staffer Rhoda Prager bring a taste of Chanukah to the 83 Jewish seniors now living in non-Jewish nursing homes and resi-

dences.

Some of these homes have a number of Jewish residents; some have only one. But each visit was special and important.

The Chanukah story was recounted, a chanukiah and candles were displayed, and Chanukah songs were sung. Then everyone enjoyed the traditional Chanukah treat of latkes, donated by Ottawa Lodge B'nai Brith. Best of all, residents had a chance to chat and relate their Chanukah memories. The hugs and smiles that were exchanged were a very special Chanukah gift for everyone.

If you are interested in becoming a Project Keshar volunteer, please call Cheryl Cogan at the JCC, 789-1818.



Dancing to a Chanukah beat

Family fun at Cosmic Chanukah

Over 300 people enjoyed a lively start to the Chanukah season at the JCC's Cosmic Chanukah party on Saturday night, December 13. It was a real family affair, with tots, children, teens, parents and even some grandparents milling through the Cosmic Adventures indoor playground – playing, schmoozing, eating latkes, and getting into the holiday spirit.

Both parents and kids were fascinated by the olive oil press display presented by Rabbi Menachem Blum as part of the Chabad's Living Legacy program.

After the Havdallah ceremony and a symbolic lighting of the first Chanukah candle, the evening wound up with Chanukah songs and dancing and the distribution of the traditional gelt and dreidels.

The Jewish Men's Basketball League Mid-Season Report

By Jon Braun
Director of Athletics

The Jewish Men's Basketball League has had an exciting and competitive first half.

At mid-season, Team Royal, captained by Evan Zelikovitz, is in first place with a 6 and 2 record.

Veterans Bill Holzman and Perry Medicoff have been playing with a consistent spring in their legs. Rookie Jon Stein has played a big game in the paint as have Arie Kamil and "Bull" Gossack. With Zelikovitz running the point and Leo Doyle, Mitch Charness and "White Lightning" Lee Michael Greenberg filling the lanes, Royal proves the theory that basketball is a team game, in which each individual is a part of the whole. This team should get even stronger as the season progresses.

Teams White, Blue and Purple are tied for second with a 4 and 4 record.

White Captain Rob Greenberg put together a team built on youth and speed. While Greenberg plays the point with discipline, looking for Big Man Charles Schachnow down low, White can also turn on the jets with speedsters "Mugsy" Olszynko, Adam "Slippy" Slipacoff and "Eddy" Bronsther looking to dish it off to the high-flying, death-defying monster of swat, David Slover. Add on some banging from Ian Schwey and Richard Herscovitch and White's got a well-balanced team that shows up every week and has a whole lot of fun.

Captain David Feldberg's Team Purple has been together a long time, and when everyone's on, it's really strong. Don Osbourne and Feldberg are still strong as ever around the boards, Richie Sadinsky is not only good for some '3s,' he's also going to the hoop this year. Stu Berson runs the point with strong help from Lawrence Greenspon, Rabbi Shaps, and Ian "I'm Still Here Boys" Sadinsky.

Team Purple remains a serious threat and as long as M. J. - I mean M.C. - Mark Cantor shows up with his pure all round game, Feldberg and the fellas will be there come playoff time.

Mitch Novick's Team Blue is a veteran club that is still very strong when playing to its potential.

Centre Gerry Ostroff plays the middle like nobody else. Jeff Pleet is still scoring 26 a game, and Yifty Sadeh doesn't seem to age as he plays tough boards game after game. Mark Groper runs steady offence while Captain Novick can still shoot the rock as long as his aching knees hold up. With veterans Danny Levine, Harris Pleet, David Berman and Saul Markman rounding out the lineup, this solid group of experienced players should be in form come playoff time.

Team Red, under Captain Gord Shaffer, is at 3 and 5. Shaffer has some outstanding athletes on his team. Joey Lyman can do it all, Derek Firth is a gifted ball handler and shooter and Doron Dickson is

an exciting player with a lot of speed. Dan Lichtenstein and Shaffer play strong inside while Scott Miller, Ariel Grostern and Erin Ramsey bang the boards with a lot of hustle. And let's not forget the return of the legendary 'Noz,' Greg Nozick, who's just getting back his game.

Once this talented team finds its "zone" it could cause some problems come playoff time.

Team Gold ends the first half with a 2 and 6 record. Captain Jeff Polowin has a talented roster of players who haven't gelled yet as a team. With youngster Jon Ages and Teddy Sadinsky playing strong down low and veterans Joel Brodie, Joel Zagerman and Murray Ages helping to bang the board, Gold has the people to do the job. Kimmo Murto, Steve Smith and the "Legend" (Polowin) can all light it up on any given night. Bring all this talent together and Gold could turn it around and surprise some people second half.

The Jewish Men's Basketball League, thanks to the attitude and spirit of its players, personifies the very best qualities of a recreational league - fun, competition, camaraderie. Now it's on to the second half and anything could happen!



Team Green - JCC Junior Floor Hockey Champions 1997
(Front row, from left to right): Tommy Shabinsky, Zachary Chadnick, Zev Kershman, Ryan Baker, Hillel Shaps, Josh Shanbaum; (back row) Charles Shanbaum, Caleb Posner, Coach Steve Baker, Mo Fried.

Winter Camp a winner

A record number of 25 youngsters enjoyed fun, friends and a full camp program at the JCC's Winter Camp.

Camp spirit was high on Colour War Day, as kids designed team banners, songs and cheers and competed in a variety of relay races and games. Other activities included outdoor play, daily sports in the gym, and lots of creative crafts. An exciting, well-rounded schedule kept kids busy, smiling, and full of that special camp spirit.

Building on the success of Winter Camp, the JCC is pleased to offer a March Break Camp from March 16 - 20. For more information please call 789-1818.

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Learn the fundamentals of the Canadian criminal justice system in this course taught by lawyer Mark Hecht. Each participant will "take the lead" in one area of the criminal procedure, beginning with the investigation of a crime and ending with an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Everyone will receive a case file and a copy of the Canadian Criminal Code.

Date: Tuesdays, February 10 - April 17 (8 weeks)
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Cost: \$60.00 (includes all materials)
Minimum of 6 participants required. To register call the JCC at 789-1818.

Jewish Men's Basketball League Standings - January 1, 1998

Team	Wins	Losses	Pts
Royal	7	1	22
Blue	4	4	16
White	4	4	16
Purple	4	4	16
Red	3	5	14
Gold	2	6	12

Top Ten Scorers

Player	Team	Avg	GP
1. Jeff Pleet	Blue	24.6	8
2. Mark Cantor	Purple	24.3	8
3. David Slover	White	19.0	8
4. Doron Dickson	Red	18.5	4
5. Adam Slipacoff	White	18.1	8
6. Joey Lyman	Red	17.4	8
7. Dave Feldberg	Purple	17.0	8
8. Kimmo Murto	Gold	16.71	7
9. Derek Firth	Red	15.5	8
10. Steve Smith	Gold	15	8



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For more information contact Jon Braun at 789-1818.

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March 16 - 20

8:30 am - 4:30 pm
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To get a registration form call the JCC at 789-1818. Registration deadline is Monday, March 2.



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Feb. 1: Mix 4-5 Ice Skating

**Feb. 8: Sunday Funday
Mask Making - Part 2**

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Kanala Wave Pool**

**Feb. 22: Sundays R-4 Kids
Purim Crafts
at Machzikei Hadas
Synagogue**

For more information
or to register
call Andrea at 789-1818.

Round the Centre

Jewish Active Seniors host lively lecture series

By Estelle Melzer

Jewish Active Seniors (JAS), the JCC's new program geared to active, young-at-heart seniors, held a very successful lecture series this fall. The first session of the "Active Minds" series, co-sponsored with the Agudath Israel Adult Education Department, featured some of the most interesting speakers in town.

Each program took place on Tuesdays at 10:30 am at Agudath Israel Synagogue and light refreshments were served.

Dr. Bill Daziel, head of the Geriatric Assessment Unit at the Ottawa

Civic Hospital, inaugurated the series. He started his talk by getting everyone to participate in a little quiz, which dispelled many of the prejudices commonly held about seniors and their abilities. He was a very entertaining as well as informative speaker with a great sense of humour, often using cartoons to illustrate his points.

The second speaker in the series was Sharon Sholberg Gray, newly appointed president of the Canadian Health Care Association.

A large crowd turned out to hear this "insider" discuss "What's the Federal Government Doing?" They

were given a realistic and well-informed look at current issues. The many questions asked at the end of her talk attested to the interest she generated.

Criminal lawyer Lawrence Greenspon was the last speaker in the fall series. He regaled the audience with personal anecdotes from his colourful career, focusing on the human side of the legal profession. His talk was both informative and highly entertaining.

This initial lecture series was so successful, the JAS committee is planning two more.

One series, co-sponsored with

Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, will focus on the Arts, with experts discussing art history, music and film. Coming up also is a fascinating series on various aspects of alternative health and wellness, a hot area in the headlines lately as scientists are confirming the validity of many folk and herbal remedies.

For more information about JAS or the lecture series please call JCC Seniors Director Esther Schvan at 789-1818.



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Course teaches teens job search skills

By Estelle Melzer

Get a job! For most teens today, that's more than an old song, it's an ever present concern. Making the right career choices, finding a summer or part-time job, learning the skills that will make you employable in the future - sometimes it all seems too intimidating and overwhelming.

Help is at hand. The Jewish Community Centre will be offering a five-part course called "Employment Works," on Tuesdays nights from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at 881 Broadview. The class will run from February 10 to March 10. The cost is \$50.00.

It will be taught by Lee Wallace,

a long-time high school teacher and counsellor, and an associate with Judi Paterson Counselling and Consulting Services.

The first session will deal with career choices and will help teens focus on their strengths and interests, make tentative decisions and plot their personal "roadmap" to a career.

Sessions 2, 3, and 4 will concentrate on resume writing and interview skills, including practice sessions and role playing. Teens will be given an actual job ad to apply to.

The last session will concentrate on the job search. Teens will learn about the hidden job market and other ways to find jobs, including

creating your own job, information interviews and networking. They'll practice writing a covering letter, and learn about thank you and follow-up letters.

The workshops are structured to be responsive to the needs of each participant. Each session winds up with the question "What have I learned?" and encourages teens to take home and use personal, practical lessons.

Looking for a job is a full-time job. This course will give you the skills to do that job more effectively.

For more information or to register please call Andrea Morion at the JCC, 789-1818.

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Oct. 29	Zachary Muroff	\$ 20.00	Dec. 1	Norma Lazear	\$ 20.00
Oct. 30	Barbara Goldrosen	\$ 20.00	Dec. 2	Annie Marcotte	\$ 20.00
Oct. 31	Peter MacLeod	\$ 50.00	Dec. 3	Thomas M. McCabe	\$ 20.00
Nov. 1	Ellie & Joel Kamsgberg	\$ 20.00	Dec. 4	Dale Simsek	\$ 20.00
Nov. 2	Shirley Schildkraut	\$ 20.00	Dec. 5	Andre Lanouette	\$ 50.00
Nov. 3	Jasmine Pankhaky	\$ 20.00	Dec. 6	Mario Aubin	\$ 20.00
Nov. 4	Harold Levin	\$ 20.00	Dec. 7	Audrey Krieman	\$ 20.00
Nov. 5	Maureen Maddison	\$ 20.00	Dec. 8	Francine Cassidy	\$ 20.00
Nov. 6	Chantal Labelle	\$ 20.00	Dec. 9	Mrs. Shelley Rothman	\$ 20.00
Nov. 7	Les Tulk	\$ 50.00	Dec. 10	Jose-Luis Fernandez	\$ 20.00
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Nov. 10	Sandy Maoz	\$ 20.00	Dec. 13	Maria Jose Vidal	\$ 20.00
Nov. 11	Steve Berryman	\$ 20.00	Dec. 14	Mark Hogan	\$ 20.00
Nov. 12	Ellen Fathi	\$ 20.00	Dec. 15	Ellen Fathi	\$ 20.00
Nov. 13	John McCormack	\$ 20.00	Dec. 16	Avraham Iny	\$ 20.00
Nov. 14	Lynne Cohen	\$ 50.00	Dec. 17	Leonora Caruso	\$ 20.00
Nov. 15	E. Kitzner	\$ 20.00	Dec. 18	Judi Kerner	\$ 20.00
Nov. 16	Shirley Silberg	\$ 20.00	Dec. 19	Lily Schriber	\$ 50.00
Nov. 17	Allan Maloniet	\$ 20.00	Dec. 20	Jamie and Sharon Furer	\$ 20.00
Nov. 18	Deane Dubrufsky	\$ 20.00	Dec. 21	Marie Lalonde	\$ 20.00
Nov. 19	Allan Taylor	\$ 20.00	Dec. 22	Kaylie Street	\$ 20.00
Nov. 20	Norma Lazear	\$ 20.00	Dec. 23	Pat Hopp	\$ 20.00
Nov. 21	Ric Brown	\$ 50.00	Dec. 24	Kathy Riley	\$ 20.00
Nov. 22	Henry Kostuck	\$ 20.00	Dec. 25	Mary Mainville	\$ 600.00
Nov. 23	Kathy Riley	\$ 20.00	Dec. 26	Leonard Borer	\$ 20.00
Nov. 24	Christine Maddison	\$ 20.00	Dec. 27	Freida Rober	\$ 20.00
Nov. 25	Calby and Andrea Sigler	\$ 20.00	Dec. 28	Eli Teram	\$ 20.00
Nov. 26	Howard Yegendob	\$ 20.00	Dec. 29	Martin Taller	\$ 20.00
Nov. 27	Ray Fathi	\$ 20.00	Dec. 30	Donna Warren	\$ 20.00
Nov. 28	Claude DeCarufel	\$150.00	Dec. 31	Norman Potchin	\$ 20.00

Come out to The Golden Age Club

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February 9

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February 16

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Speaker: Judy Bedell, Sno-Go Program Co-ordinator at Good Companions Home Support Services, on "Operation Sno-Go"

February 23

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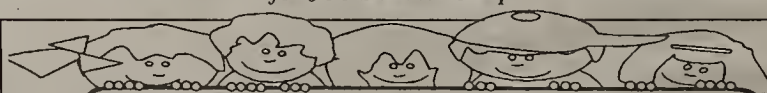
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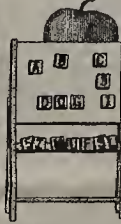
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OPINION - DECEMBER DILEMMA

Keeping kids Jewish during Christmas season

By Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro

Everyone in America has to cope with the indisputable reality of Christmas. It is time (for us) to stop celebrating Christmas. It's high time we take some stands.

"Are we so unselfassured that we have to follow others' culture? Let's stop observing other faiths and follow (our own) rich, celebratory heritage."

Sound familiar? Every December we hear the same lament: Don't give in to Christmas, hold fast to your culture, affirm your uniqueness. This quote could have come from any Jewish newspaper in the country. But it didn't come from any.

This quote came from the December issue of *Hinduism Today*. You don't have to be Jewish to worry about Christmas. The Hindu response to Christmas is to create a winter holy day of its own called Pancha Ganapati, a five-day gift-giving celebration of Ganesha, the elephant-headed Lord of Creativity and Culture.

Wisely, the holy day runs from December 21 to 25. Think it will work? I doubt it. It is only a matter of time before American Hindu homes have an Elephant Bush in their living rooms at Christmas time.

The fact is, nobody can beat Christmas. Not even the Christians. I don't know a single serious Christian who is happy with Christmas in America. They don't object to The Tree; it is all the stuff that goes under it that is troubling.

Christmas marketing and muzak start two months before the holy day. The frenzy

to buy turns the message of peace on earth into making sure you get the last piece of earth of whatever it is the kids are craving this year. By the time we get to December 25 people are burned out, cynical and dangerously deep in debt.

The December dilemma is no longer just for Jews. Hindus and serious Christians also worry about how to protect themselves from the onslaught of Christmas merchandising.

I can't offer any suggestions to our gentle neighbors, but here are five simple things you can do to keep your children Jewish during the season.

One: Leave town. Plan a vacation to coincide with Christmas, and take that vacation in Israel.

Two: Buy every Christmas album sold on late-night TV and play them 24 hours a day for an entire week. Your kids will beg for Shabbos quiet.

Three: Melt your credit cards right now. Your ATM card also. Buy whatever Chanukah presents you want with cash. If you don't have the money, don't buy the stuff. If your kids complain, tell them to get a job.

Four: Buy a tree. Plant it in Israel. Fly over and water it.

Five: Sing well-known Christmas songs in a minor key. They sound Jewish. When your kids ask you what you are singing, introduce them to klezmer music and Shlomo Carlebach.

Our kids don't become Christians

because they live in a Christian community. If that is all it takes, there wouldn't be any Jews left in America. But that isn't what it takes. So don't worry about your neighbor's tree; worry about your own rootlessness.

Why do our children become Christians?

First of all, most don't. Most Jews are too secular to take any religion seriously. And those who do tend to find the nontheism of Buddha preferable to the tripartite God of Christianity. Those who do become Christians tend to do so for one of two reasons.

Some of our kids become Christians because they love Jesus as the son of God. You can't do much about that. And why would you? If they are sincere and happy in their belief, leave them be. Don't argue, don't threaten, don't sit shiva. Do invite them to share their faith with you that you might share yours with them. You don't have a faith? Oh. Maybe that's why they found Jesus in the first place.

Some of our kids become Christians because they don't know anything about Judaism, and find no welcome in the Jewish community. You can do a lot about that. But you probably won't.

Why? For the same reason you probably won't melt your credit cards - too much bother.

Most Jews feel that you can be a Jew without bothering with Judaism. Most Jews define being Jewish as not being Christian. They don't mind if you are Buddhist. They talk about Israel, ethics, movie

stars and bagels. They imagine that the culture of Jews is somehow other than Shabbat, kashrut, holy days, life cycle events and Torah. They are wrong.

Most Jews find Judaism irrelevant to their lives. When they need a rabbi to mumble some Hebrew over them - at birth, death or sometime in between - they call and hire one, the same way they hire a caterer. Actually, they put more thought into the caterer.

Most of the kids of these Jews know nothing of a serious Judaism. As they grow up they are expected to make a choice about religion, but they have nothing from which to choose.

A couple in my office recently told me they were going to raise their children both Jewish and Catholic. How, I asked. Mom said she would take the children to church every Sunday. I asked Dad what he did on Saturday. Golf, he said. I said: Will you give up golf and take your child to shul on Shabbat? No, he said. Then you will have Catholic children, I said. Don't trouble yourself with choice. Just make your peace with Christianity.

He wasn't happy with me. He said his parents would kill him. I suggested they already had.

It is so simple: You want your kids to be Jews? Be Jewish yourself. Keep kosher, make Shabbos, join a shul, visit Israel, give tzedakah, daven, learn Torah...

(Reprinted from the Broward Jewish Journal, December 25-31, 1997)

Will the Chanukah flame continue to burn?

(Continued from page 3)

victory over assimilation and their attainment of religious liberty. And in this victory are themes for all Jews to heed even today: the superiority of singularity over conformity, commitment over hedonism and faith over despair.

It is all these lofty values Chanukah is now losing for many Jews. And with each iota of Chanukah's loss, the Jewish people are losing too. To paraphrase an oft-cited Talmudic passage: with the loss of even one Jewish life to assimilation, a whole universe is lost to Judaism. And the Jewish people, far and few between as they are already, can ill afford to lose any more of their member to assimilation, let alone lose the universe of wealth a person means to his or her faith and community.

If you feel you are losing your grip on your Jewishness and may have missed out on the real gist of Chanukah last year, don't

give up hope just yet. There's always next year and next Chanukah to make up for your loss, advises Rabbi Steven Garten of Temple Israel.

Contents Rabbi Garten:

"Chanukah has a very powerful message: that even in the middle of darkness, whether it's physical darkness or spiritual darkness, there's always a light that you can respond to."

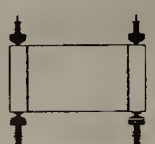
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ART WORKS

Art Works /
Rose Ann HoffenbergLucien Pissarro
THE GOOSE GIRL, 1923
National Gallery of Canada

British prints from the David Lemon Collection, on view at the National Gallery, come in all shapes and sizes - large ones, a small one the size of your thumb print and dozens in between. This exhibition celebrates Lemon's recent gift to the Gallery by emphasizing the Lines of Enquiry (the name given to the exhibition) from the artist's point of view, from the collector's perspective and from the curator who pursues his research. All these lines meet to persuade visitors that this exhibition is worthy of their time.

Links are drawn between the artist's metal plate used for the initial design and

the paper printed from that plate. Links are made from William Blake's pastoral designs in the Book of Job (*Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, September 22, 1997) to ones by Graham Sutherland a century later. The former expressing a reaction against the 18th century wars fought in America and France, the latter, a reaction against the First World War. There are also links between Blake's 'old fashioned' style and those of Lucien Pissarro, both of whom were reacting against the mass produced aesthetic of the Industrial Revolution.

Lucien Pissarro, the shy, quiet son of the French Impressionist artist, Camille Pissarro (*Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, August 29 and September 26, 1994), moved to England in 1890. His chief contribution as an artist was the blending of avant-garde ideas of Parisian Neo-Impressionism and the rich tradition of English Arts and Crafts publishing, embodied in the work and life of



William Morris (see *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, November 15, 1993).

Pissarro began experimenting with etchings in Eragny sur Epte in 1884 when he illustrated children's stories for his younger brothers and sister. Within months of his arrival in England, he moved in the circles of those artists who were shaping the private press movement. For example, in 1890 William Morris succeeded in establishing his own press operation with his own typeface designs - which brought the craftsman, the artist and the printer together under one roof - the Kelmscott Press.

Pissarro was attracted to the Vale Press, whose owner took the movement one step further than Morris by insisting that artists cut their own wood engravings for illustrations. He was influenced by the Pre-Raphaelite artists Burne-Jones and Dante Gabriele Rossetti but, at the same time, Pis-

sarro's work maintained a French character and a slightly naive quality. Within a few years he established his own press, the Eragny Press, which he and his wife, Esther Bensusan, named after the Pissarro family's home village in France.

The Eragny Press was truly a labor of love. Lucien and Esther designed the books, engraved all the blocks, set the type and blocks together, then painstakingly proofed and editioned all their work, occasionally hiring a printer to assist. Early sales were moderately successful but they never made a profit and were forced to close Eragny Press at the beginning of the First World War.

Although painting then became a major preoccupation, Pissarro continued to make single-sheet prints such as *The Goose Girl*. With its decorative patterns and strong two dimensional design, this delightful image looks back to the 1890s and Gauguin's Pont-Aven work (*Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*, April 24, 1995), bringing a Gallic charm to an essentially British medium.

Chanukah celebrated in Barrhaven

As Jews around the world were getting ready to light the first candle, Jewish families in Barrhaven made their way to Larkin House, a local community centre, for the *Chanukah Live* organized by the Chabad Centre in Nepean. Over 100 people celebrated together the beginning of the festival light. "Definitely a great success," answered Rabbi Menachem Blum, director of the Chabad Centre, when asked about the event. "We realized it when we had to set up more chairs."

Chanukah "Live" it was, as the evening started with an olive oil press workshop demonstrating the process the Maccabees used to refine oil for the Temple Menorah in the Chanukah story. Children fashioned

wicks out of cotton and the first candle in the Menorah was then lit with the olive oil.

The Chanukah spirit was in the air as everyone sang the Maoz Tzur and enjoyed Chanukah doughnuts. The highlight of the evening was a Chanukah story told with musical effects.

The Chabad Centre offers a variety of educational and exciting programs, including a beginners' Shabbat service and Shabbat meals. For more information about Chabad programs, call 823-0866.

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Marven of the Great North Woods

By Kathryn Lasky

Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes

Harcourt Brace Children's Books 1997

48 pages Ages 6-10

When I was growing up in Winnipeg, winter stories were usually about hardy French Canadians, occasionally native Canadians, who cheerfully endured long freezing winters in the northern forests working as trappers or lumberjacks.

As I grew older I discovered the Paul Bunyon stories of our neighbors to the south in Bemidji, Minnesota. Giant Paul and his gigantic blue ox, Babe, felled and hauled impossible numbers of trees while rescuing fellow loggers from numerous perils.

Of course, there was no Jewish content in any of those stories. But perhaps my memory of them is one reason I find *Marven of the Great North Woods* such a refreshing picture book.

Happily, there are other reasons for recommending this book, reasons that earned it the Louis Posner Memorial Award for Children's Picture Books awarded by the Jewish Book Council for 1997.

Written with strong literary imagery and measured text, *Marven of the Great North Woods* is the true story of a unique episode in one boy's life. Its sense of anxiety, adventure and unexpected kindness will resonate with every child in awe of "the true north," grizzly bears, and little boys suddenly plunged into a rough man's world.

The story is set in the winter of 1918, a time when a murderous influenza epidemic was ravaging many parts of the world including North America. People living in urban areas were thought to be most at risk. In an effort to save their lives by getting them away from the flu, families were sending their children to the countryside.

As the story opens, Marven's family is deciding to send ten year old Marven to a northern logging camp far from his home. Leaving behind his Mama, Papa, two older sisters, two younger sisters, an aunt and uncle, Marven is to spend the most dangerous months for the flu as the camp's payroll bookkeeper.

Told as a third person narrative, author Kathryn Lasky blends scenes of moral and physical courage with the everyday realities of Marven's homesickness, worry about the family left behind, and intriguing details of his life and work in this strange, frigid environment peopled by French Canadians.

Early in the story we learn that Marven is good at arithmetic and skiing. As the story progresses we learn that he possesses other talents and instincts vital to his survival and ability to thrive.

Politeness and bravery earn Marven first the compassion then the friendship of Jean Louis, the toughest lumberjack in the camp. Encouraged by Jean Louis, Marven puts aside his natural shyness and becomes a spunky, outdoors-loving kid accepted and befriended by all.

Appealing to our senses, our hearts and our brains, the story tingles with the "sharp green fragrance of freshly cut timber," the mouthwatering taste of flapjacks, steaks, baked beans and molasses, tears that freeze on cheeks, sprinklings of Marven's newly acquired French, and dry, tongue-in-cheek wit. Puns and word play abound, among them "jacks in sacks" and "hello bottom."

How does Marven's Jewishness come into the story? In a minor way, as comfort food for his train trip north. More importantly, because Marven's Jewishness is so natural to him he thinks of things Jewish as he faces new challenges.

For example, when, on the first morning in camp, Marven has to wake late-sleeping lumberjacks, he screws up his courage by wishing for an appropriate blessing. Then, when Marven and the last lumberjack finally get to the breakfast table, Marven worries about not being able to follow the laws of kashrut and consciously chooses the com-



From *Marven of the Great North Woods*

promises he will make.

Kevin Hawkes's full color acrylic illustrations heighten the story's drama, bringing added sadness and poignancy to scenes of departures and loneliness, heightened suspense to fear of a grizzly bear and inner joy to the comfort of friendship and highflying relaxation.

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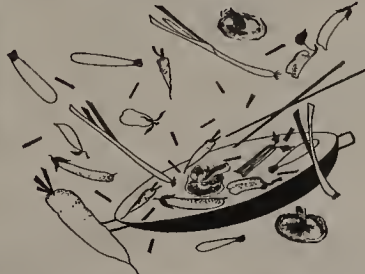
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Stir frying is one of the easiest methods of cooking. Just take out your wok or large frying pan and in minutes you have a delicious meal! Most of the preparation can be done ahead of time. The longer the meat marinates the more flavorful it is. So prepare the meat the night before and chill it in the marinade. The vegetables can be chopped and prepared ahead. Place in ziplock bags or airtight containers in the fridge, and, in no time your meal is ready!

Gingered Turkey Stir Fry

- 4 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1/4 tsp dry mustard
- 2/3 cup chicken broth
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 2 tbsp sherry
- 1 tbsp oil
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 6 green onions, cut on the diagonal
- 1/4 cup fresh gingerroot, cut into 1" very thin match-stick pieces
- 1 lb turkey breast or boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 apple, cored and cut into very thin wedges
- 1 zucchini, grated (optional)

In a small bowl, stir the cornstarch, sugar, and dry mustard. Stir in chicken broth, soy sauce, and sherry. Set aside. Preheat the wok or large frying pan over high heat. Add oil. Stir fry cauliflower for 2 to 3 minutes. Add green onion and ginger. Stir fry 2 minutes more. Remove from wok with slotted spoon. Set aside. Add a bit more oil if necessary. Heat, and add half the turkey to the wok. Stir fry 3 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink. Remove from wok. Stir fry remaining turkey for 3 minutes. Return all turkey to wok. Push meat to the sides of the wok, making a well in the centre. Give the sauce a quick stir and add to the centre of the wok. Cook and stir until thick and bubbling. Stir in cauliflower mixture and apple. Heat through. Remove from wok and keep covered and



warm. Stir fry zucchini for 1 to 2 minutes. Arrange on platter. Top with turkey. Serve immediately. Serves 3-4.

Fresh Salmon Stir Fry

- 1 lb fresh salmon fillet
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 tsp freshly grated lemon peel
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 1 1/2 tsp chicken soup powder
- 1/2 tsp dried dill
- 1 tbsp oil
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 2 medium carrots, thinly sliced
- 1 zucchini, sliced on the diagonal, 1/2" thick
- 1 cup broccoli florets

Cut salmon into 1" cubes. Set aside. In a small bowl, combine the water, lemon peel, lemon juice, cornstarch, chicken soup powder, and dill. Set aside. Preheat wok over high heat. Add oil. Stir fry scallions for 30 seconds. Add carrots and stir fry for 2 minutes. Add zucchini and broccoli and stir fry for 3 minutes or until vegetables are crisp tender. Remove from wok with slotted spoon and set aside. Add a bit more oil

if necessary and stir fry half the fish for 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily. Be careful not to break into pieces. Remove carefully and stir fry the rest of the fish. Return all the fish to the wok. Stir sauce. Make a well in the centre of the wok and pour sauce in the well. Cook until thickened and bubbly, stirring fish VERY carefully so as not to break it up. Add vegetables and heat through. Serve over rice. Serves 3 to 4.

Orange Chicken Stir Fry with Avocado

- 1 tsp finely grated orange peel
- 2/3 cup orange juice
- 2 tbsp white wine
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp instant chicken soup powder
- 1 tbsp oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 sweet red pepper, cubed
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and cut into 3/4" chunks
- 1/3 cup sliced almonds
- Hot cooked rice

In a small bowl combine the orange peel, orange juice, white wine, cornstarch and chicken soup powder. Mix well and set aside. Preheat wok or frying pan. Add oil and stir fry garlic for 30 seconds to flavor the oil. Do not allow to burn. Add red pepper and stir fry 1 minute. Remove from wok. Set aside. Add more oil if necessary and stir fry half the chicken until no longer pink, about 3 minutes. Remove from wok and stir fry remaining chicken. Return all chicken to wok. Add vegetables, and make a well in centre. Stir sauce and pour into the centre of the wok. Cook and stir until bubbling and thickened. Add the avocado and almonds. Cook 1 more minute. Serve over hot rice. Serves 3 to 4.

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FEATURE

Nazi war criminals in Canada

The last big push before time finally runs out

By Arnold Fradkin

First of two parts.

Introduction

There are a considerable number of Nazi war criminals in Canada, and they have been laughing at us all the time they have been here. At one time they laughed because their very presence in this country was denied - that is no longer so. And at another time they laughed because official legal opinion was that no successful action could be taken against them - that too is no longer so. Now they are laughing because after all the time, energy and money expended upon them over the last 20 years, after all the lobbying and the cries in the media for action in the late 1970s, after the Deschênes Commission hearings (and report) in 1985 - 1986, and then after the more than 10 years of subsequent Justice Department and RCMP operations there has been to date only one successful trial of a Nazi war criminal living in Canada. And that was in 1988 after denaturalization proceedings were instituted against Jacob Luitjens who was subsequently stripped of his citizenship and deported after a precedent breaking judgment by the Federal Court. Aside from that there have been two successful cases before immigration boards keeping Nazi criminals from entering Canada (Rudolph and Kalejs).

In 1987 when the federal program began, the average age of the suspects and witnesses was 70 years. Now it is 80 years and time has almost run out. Soon there won't be any suspects or witnesses left, and those remaining will be too ill to undergo a trial. So they laugh because they know they will have gotten away with it - that they will have won the race against the clock without having been brought before the bar of justice. After all the concentrated activity over the last 20 years, they will have succeeded in having lived out their lives in Canada with relative serenity while their victims perished or, along with their families, have lived lives marred by psychological wounds and scars.

The funnel

The flow leading to the institution of legal proceedings against Nazi war criminals in Canada can be viewed basically as passage through a funnel. The top of the funnel is where the inventory of suspects entered, and the spout at the bottom is where those who underwent a trial came out. A large number entered the top of the funnel - the *Toronto Star* has reported that more than 1,000 suspects have been investigated. And a few came out the spout - so far there have only been three to four trials, and only one success.

We begin with the statements and estimates made by various organizations and individuals between 1971 and 1986 regarding their presence in Canada. The Deschênes Report pointed out that estimates of their numbers ranged between a "handful" by the Justice Department to 6,000 by Simon Wiesenthal. The Rodal Report to the Deschênes Commission pointed out that between 1946 to 1967 over 600,000 immigrants from European countries, where participation in war crimes

was extensive, were admitted to Canada, and that it would be rash to assume that significant numbers of war criminals and Nazi collaborators did not enter Canada. Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress has estimated that Canada houses the largest number of Nazi war criminals per capita of any country in the Northern Hemisphere (including the USA). And the *Ottawa Citizen* ran an editorial comparing Canada to Argentina.

In February 1985, the Deschênes Commission of Inquiry was set up to investigate the matter and make recommendations. It first set out to determine who and how many persons it would investigate. It rejected Nazis who were only "collaborators" and restricted its inquiry to the commission of war crimes and crimes against humanity as defined by international law. From the many names it started with it drew up three lists - a master list of 774 names, an addendum list of 38 names and a list of 71 German scientists.

The Commission then did a series of "external checks", namely inquiries at German Archives specializing in German nationals, and quite often recommended closing a suspect's file if his name was not located in these archives. Since "a substantial proportion" of its master list comprised "Russians, Ukrainians or Balts", more persons may have been dropped from its inquiry than should have been since Eastern European collaborators may not have been recorded in the German Archives upon which the Commission relied.

The Commission delivered its report to the government on December 30, 1986. At that time, it specifically highlighted 20 cases from its master list where, in its own words, it found that "the seriousness and the availability of evidence warranted special attention". It recommended that denaturalization proceedings be instituted in 10 of those cases, seven of which were to include deportation, and emphasized that "urgent attention should be given to implementing these recommendations." The Commission also recommended further investigation of about 224 individual cases. This included 55 of the 71 German scientists and the 38 suspects in the addendum list. And this is where matters stood at the beginning of 1987.

In the following 10 years between 1987 and 1997, 19 proceedings were instituted in Canada. Of these, 14 (75%) were denaturalization and deportation proceedings which had been instituted since 1995 (only five proceedings were instituted during the previous eight years - and no cases were brought forward at all in 1991, 1993 and 1994). The first denaturalization case, *Luitjens*, was commenced in January 1988. Between that time and January 1995 (i.e. the next seven years), there were no further denaturalization proceedings, although there were four criminal cases instituted. Only one of the criminal cases went to trial (*Finta*) and was unsuccessful. The rest were stopped for reasons including the death or ill health of the accused and witnesses.

Present status

The status of these 19 cases is currently

as follows:

- 3 trials have taken place (one successful, one lost and one awaiting judgment);
- 1 trial is currently proceeding;
- 6 cases were stopped before trial for various reasons such as the death or illness of the suspects and/or witnesses;
- 4 cases have no trial dates set;
- 4 cases are scheduled for trial;
- 1 suspect voluntarily relinquished his citizenship and left Canada.

It is not the purpose of this particular article to discuss the small number of cases which have actually gone to trial since 1987. That has been repeatedly commented upon by many organizations as well as the media; e.g. the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith, The Simon Wiesenthal Centre, the *Toronto Star*, the *Ottawa Citizen*, *Dateline NBC*, and *CBS's 60 Minutes*.

It has also been referred to by those actively involved in the pursuit of Nazi war criminals. For example, Deschênes (who later became a judge of the International Tribunal on War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia) said in an interview with the *Toronto Star* that he was surprised and disappointed by the lack of success and that "more could have been done, after all the report is now 11 years old and the results are rather thin." Neil Sher, former head of the US Nazi prosecution unit who has recently been retained by the Canadian government as a "special adviser" is reported as an "outspoken critic of Cana-

da's abysmal record in dealing with war crimes suspects." And present Justice Minister Anne McLellan, in describing her goal of pursuing war criminals "with the necessary measures and energy required", referred to a previous "inertia". "What is important is not so much what happened 10 years ago but how we move forward and how we make sure the inertia that appeared to exist some years ago does not creep back into the system," she said.

The purpose of this article is to consider whether there are any further steps which could increase the likelihood of success in pursuing Nazi criminals. The best place to begin is with a brief examination of one of the most successful operations in the world - the United States, its "Holtzman Amendment" and the Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

To be continued in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Arnold Fradkin acted as deputy director of the Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit and as a lead prosecutor in the case against Stephan Reistetter and against Jacob Luitjens (Canada's only successful trial since the program began in 1987) before returning to his litigation practice which he carries on as a senior counsel with the Department of Justice. He has written extensively on the issue of Nazi criminals in Canada and has appeared as a speaker and panel participant on this topic before various audiences. He has received awards from the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Justice Department for his work in this area.

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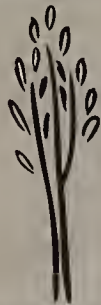
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In memory of Michael Kronick by Stephen and Jocelyne Greenberg and family.

NORMA GREENBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Lillian Greenberg.

SAMUEL AND BESSIE GREENBERG MEMORIAL FUND
Best wishes to Dr. Jack Greenberg on his special birthday by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Best wishes to John Greenberg on his birthday by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Best wishes to Esther Froman on her birthday by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

In memory of Or. Norman Shohet by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

In memory of Harry Kershman by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Wally and Elaine Viner on the marriage of their son Kevin to Michele by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

Mazal Tov to Sonia Viner on the marriage of her grandson Kevin to Michele by Ethel and Irving Taylor.

FRANCES HARTMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear mother Rachel Hartman by Jack Hartman.

HILLEL ACADEMY ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Jenny Citron by Shelley, Gary and Jamie Berezin.

In memory of Leah Zatzman by Shelley, Gary and Jamie Berezin.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Shelley, Gary and Jamie Berezin.

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In memory of Ben Ettinson by Beverly Friedman; and by

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Wishing Millie Weinstein a happy birthday by Pauline Hochberg.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Pauline Hochberg.

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In memory of Bynna Kositsky's dear husband by Inge and Al Hoffman.

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In memory of Benes Cantor by Dorothy and Hy Hymes.

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In memory of Jenny Citron by Dorothy and Hy Hymes.

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Mazal Tov to Bill and Jane James on the engagement of their daughter Kathy by Elissa, Avraham, Daniel and Michally Iny.

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In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear father Moses Greenberg by Elissa.

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In memory of Michael Kronick by Enid and Jeff Gould; and by Rhona and Bill Levine.

In memory of Jenny Citron by Jill Gould; and by Joany and Andy Katz.

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Wishing Michael Fathi well by Chick and Rose Taylor.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Chick and Rose Taylor.

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In memory of Elsie Kurzman by Victor, Gele and Sydney Kardish.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Victor, Gele and Sydney Kardish; by Margo, David, Aaron and Gail

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SAMUEL AND TILLIE KAROISH FUND

Best wishes to Cheryl and Brian Levitan on their wedding anniversary by Joe and Coris Hoffman.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Cheryl and Brian Levitan and family.

In memory of Harry Kershman by Cheryl and Brian Levitan and family.

SOLOMON ANO ANNA (SABESINSKY) KAUFMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of his parents, Solomon and Anna Kaufman by Hyman and Sylvia Kaufman.

In memory of his sister, Dora Kaufman by Hyman and Sylvia Kaufman.

KERSHMAN FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Harry Kershman by Ida Kershman; by Rhoda and Paul Bregman; by Janet and Norman Ironstone; by Dr. Lily Nahri; by Roz and Steven Fremeth; by Martin, Gloria and Shoshanna Teller; by Jessica and Kevin Cantor and family; by Hans and Bela Adler; by Chick and Rose Taylor; by Irene and Bob Stein; by Ron Stein; by Mandelbaum Spengel Gluckman Group; by Sally Taylor; by Joel and Elaine Weiner; by Or. Steven Poleski and Sandra Pollock; by Sharon and Lawrence Weinstein and family; by Leonard Shore and Jane Mirsky; by Sally, Robert and Tim Roberts; by Paula and Manny Agulnik; by Or. and Mrs. Brian McGuire and staff; and by Or. and Mrs. Joseph McGuire and staff.

CLAIRE AND ABE KEVANSTEIN FUND
In memory of Ralph Stenberg by Claire Kevanstein.

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Mazal Tov to Howard and Iboya Goldberg on the birth of their grandson by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

Mazal Tov to Oora and Sam Litwack on the birth of their grandson by Isabel and Norman Lesh.

In memory of Irving Rivers by Marilyn and Oan Kimmel.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Steven and Hildy Lesh.

PHILLIP ANO ETTIE KIMMEL MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Howard Goldberg a r'tuah sh'lemah by Stan Kimmel and Carol Spiro.

In memory of Jenny Citron by Stan Kimmel and Carol Spiro.

In memory of Irving Rivers by Stan Kimmel and Carol Spiro.

KOFFMAN / BLOOM FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Ann and Al Bloom; and by Joe and Margaret Koffman.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Ann and Al Bloom; and by Joe and Margaret Koffman.

SHARON KOFFMAN ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Faye and Barry Koffman; by Philip Gennis; and by Jimmy and Sandra Zagon.

GERTRUDE (PLEET) KOTLARSKY MEMORIAL FUND
In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear sister and aunt Mary Cowan, 27 Shevat, by Harry and John Kotlarsky.

KOVOO FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear sister-in-law and aunt Rose Litwack by Ellen, Norton and Vicki.

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In memory of Michael Kronick by Julia Krane and Daniel Paul.

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In memory of Ben Ettinson by Joan and Russell Kronick.

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Mazal Tov to Dora and Sam Litwick on the birth of their grandson by Edie Landau.

Wishing Bernie and Sara Rachin a happy 30th wedding anniversary by Fran Kamporous and Aaron Shier.

In memory of Ota Hora by Edie Landau.

Yasher Koach to Sam Petigorsky on a job well done by Edie Landau.

Mazal Tov to Sid and Barbara Cohen on the birth of their twin grandchildren by Edie Landau.

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In memory of Benes Cantor by Morris and Lil Lang.

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In memory of Anna Rabinovitch's mother by Barbara and Len Farber.

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In memory of Sam Gitterman by Bella and Harry Leikin.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Bella and Harry Leikin; by Stan and Libby Katz; by Joany and Andy Katz; and by Barbara and Len Farber.

Mazal Tov to Sam Ages on assuming the Gabbai Rishon of the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha by Barbara and Len Farber.

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In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear wife Ruth Davis Levendel by Hugo Levendel.

SANDRA AND JACIE LEVINSON FUND

In memory of Michael Kronick by Jacie and Sandra Levinson.

In memory of Leo Abrams by Jacie and Sandra Levinson and family.

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In memory of Lena Adesiewicz by Ruth and Ron Levitan.

JOSEPH AND JEAN LICHTENSTEIN FUND

Mazal Tov to Jean and Joe Lichtenstein on the Bar Mitzvah of their granddaughter Oaniella Halpern and on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson Jesse Halpern by Rose and Chick Taylor.

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Wishing Marion Zalman a r'fush sh'lemah by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Evelyn and Joseph Lieff.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Francie and Norman Lieff and family.

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Mazal Tov to Jackie and Kevin Barwin on the birth of their daughter Meredith by Francie and Norman Lieff and family.

ABRAHAM AND DORA LITWICK MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of a beloved mother Dora Litwick by Sarah and Sidney Green.

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In observance of the Yartzheit of a beloved mother Dora Litwick by Norman Litwick.

ARNOLD AND ROSE LITWICK FAMILY FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear mother and grandmother Rose Lillian Litwick by Harvey, Barry and Irwin Litwick and families.

IRVING AND ELLEN LITWICK FUND

Best wishes to Rachel Bahar for a r'fush sh'lemah by Ellen Litwick.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear husband and letter missed by Ellen, Norton and Vicki.

JACK AND DORA LITWICK MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Judy and David Goldman on the birth of their son by Rose and Chick Taylor.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear father, father-in-law and zaidy Jack Litwick, 6 Kislev, by Sam and Dora Litwick and family.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear mother, mother-in-law and bubbly Dora Litwick, 12 Tevet, by Sam and Dora Litwick and family.

MARION AND SHLOMO MAYMAN FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Marion and Shlomo Mayman.

DAVE, LOUIS AND LAZ MIRSKY FUND

In memory of Irving Rivers by Laz and Sybil Mirsky.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Laz and Sybil Mirsky.

ABRAM AND EDITH MOLOT MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Maureen and Henry Molot on the engagement of their son Alex by Barb and Len Farber.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Maureen and Henry Molot.

In memory of Harry Kershman by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Yasher Koach to Sam Petigorsky for a job well done by Maureen and Henry Molot.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Barbara Sugarman.

Mazal Tov to Sid and Barbara Cohen on the birth of their twin grandchildren by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Mazal Tov to Golda and Ned Steinman on the birth of their son Yona Samuel by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Mazal Tov to Lily and Moshe Feig on the birth of their grandson Yona Samuel Steinman by Maureen and Henry Molot.

Best wishes to Toby and Freda Appel on their wedding anniversary by Henry and Maureen Molot, Alex, Adena and Edie.

Best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. P. Horwich on their relocation to Michigan by Henry and Maureen Molot, Alex, Adena and Edie.

JACK AND HONEY MONSON FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Sally Taylor.

In memory of Ralph Stemberg by Honey and Jack Baylin.

TANYA AND SAMUEL MOSES MORIN FUND

Mazal Tov to Gertrude Morin on the birth of her granddaughter by Harvey and Sidney Morin.

Mazal Tov to Lily and Moshe Feig on the birth of their grandson by Gertrude and Harvey Morin.

Mazal Tov to Golda and Ned Steinman on the birth of their son by Gertrude and Harvey Morin.

PINKAS AND YEHUDIT NEWMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Belated special birthday wishes to Darlene Newman by Helene Zaret.

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Mazal Tov to Sam Ages on being named Gabbai Rishon of the Ottawa Chevra Kadisha by Sally and Morton Teller.

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In memory of Benes Cantor by Pauline Pankowski.

Mazal Tov to Richard and Michelle Sachs on the birth of their daughter by Pauline Pankowski.

JOSEPH PETIGORSKY MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear sister Ann Petigorsky by Lena Schecter.

JACK AND MIRIAM PLEET FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Miriam and Jack Pleet.

Best wishes to Arnie Fainluck for a r'fush sh'lemah by Miriam and Jack Pleet.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Miriam and Jack Pleet.

In memory of Jenny Citron by Miriam and Jack Pleet.

In memory of Ralph Stemberg by Miriam and Jack Pleet.

NANCY AND LARRY PLEET FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Larry and Nancy Pleet.

In memory of Ralph Stemberg by Larry and Nancy Pleet.

BENJAMIN AND BESSIE POLOWIN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Dave and Betty Polowin.

In memory of Irving Rivers by Dave and Betty Polowin.

Wishing Max Cooke a r'fush sh'lemah by Dave and Betty Polowin.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear father Lewis Cowan by Betty and Dave Polowin.

NORMAN AND EVELYN POTECHIN FUND

Best wishes to Mary Potechin on her birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

Best wishes to Myrna Potechin on her birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

Best wishes to Ted Wolfe on his birthday by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

Best wishes to Ernie Potechin on his birthday by aunt Evelyn and uncle Norman Potechin.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

Wishing Manny Lightstone a r'fush sh'lemah by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

Best wishes to Cynthia and Max Weinstein on their 40th wedding anniversary by Evelyn and Norman Potechin.

IRVING AND ETHEL RIVERS MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Irving Rivers by Lianne and Michael Zeitzow and family; by Simone and Arnell Goldberg; by Barb and Len Farber; by

Or, Jason and Helen Rivers; by Dorothy and Ben Greenberg; by the Brass family; by Debbie, Allan, Sydney and Gabriella Malek; by Dorothy and Herb Nodolny; by Sharon Black; and by Mottie and Claire Feldman.

GOLDIE AND ALBERT RIVERS FUND

In memory of Irving Rivers by Cynthia Nathanson, Alan

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Irving and Esther Bellman Memorial Fund established

When Esther Bellman passed away on October 13, 1997, her family was looking for a way to preserve her memory and that of her late husband Irving. They decided to establish the Irving and Esther Bellman Memorial Fund with the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

Irving and Esther were both born in Montreal, raised their children Mabel, Sarah, Maurice and Seymour there, and lived in the city until Irving's sudden death in 1981. After her husband passed away, Esther decided to move to Ottawa where two of her four children were living.

As a woman in her seventies, she adjusted to life in Ottawa remarkably well. She felt at home in Ottawa and welcome in the Jewish community.

She was one of the first residents to move into the Shikkun Oz apartment building and expected it to be filled mainly with Jewish seniors. Though she was disappointed that the number of Jewish residents was never great, she did not let it get in the way of creating a family atmosphere in the building.

Esther helped organize the first social functions in the building which brought the residents together and continue through to this day. Once the ice was broken, the residents began to regularly get together for card games, lunches, and entertainment on special occasions. She and many other residents developed close friendships and Esther was an active participant as long as her health permitted.

Irving and Esther were blessed with a large and loving family. They had 12



Esther and Irving Bellman

grandchildren who have thus far produced 21 great-grandchildren. Esther spent much of her time keeping in touch with all the members of her family by telephone, maintaining contact from her living room in Nepean where she was surrounded by dozens and dozens of family photos. She was so well informed that she became the premiere source for finding out how people were, what exciting events were happening and what the weather was like in the city her relative was in.

The Irving and Esther Bellman Memorial Fund will be administered by their four children, Mabel Litwin of Toronto, Sarah Melamed of Ottawa, Maurice Bellman of Toronto and Seymour Bellman of Ottawa.

The children of Esther and Irving are delighted to have a memorial fund which allows them to preserve the memory of their parents and to continue to support many of the charitable causes which Irving and Esther held dear.

In Appreciation

From the bottom of our hearts, we wish to thank all our friends who generously contributed to various local charities in the memory of Dr. Norman Shoihet. Your warm wishes, support and compassion made a mournful time more bearable.

The Shoihet/Adelberg Families

DONATIONS

na, Julia and Michael; and by Dr. Stephen and Lindi Rivers, Sophie and Talia.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Dr. and Mrs. Jason Rivers, Alexander and Catherine; by Cynthia Nathanson, Alanna, Julia and Michael; by Goldie and Albert Rivers; and by Dr. Stephen and Lindi Rivers, Sophie and Talia.

In memory of Jack Gurland by Goldie and Albert Rivers. In memory of Maurice Codell's wife by Goldie and Albert Rivers.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Goldie and Albert Rivers.

BEREL AND ALTI RUDAL FAMILY FUND

Happy birthday wishes to Gerry Berger by Alti and Berel Rodal.

In memory of Arthur Drache's mother by Alti and Berel Rodal.

In memory of Rachel Glustein by Alti and Berel Rodal.

In memory of Kalman Kaplansky by Alti and Berel Rodal.

In memory of Lazer David by Alti and Berel Rodal.

Mazel Tov to Fanny and Martin Fuchs on Mamie's wedding by Alti and Berel Rodal.

HERMAN AND ZELDA RUDMAN FUND

Yasher Koach to Marion Silver on a job well done on Shalom Dittawa by Zelda and Herman Rudman; and by Penny Bar-Noy.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Zelda and Herman Rudman; and by Penny Bar-Noy.

ISADRE AND ROSSIE RUSE FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Joy Bodnoff and Doug Jenkins.

FLORENCE AND GDALYAH RUSENFELD FUND

Best wishes to Judith Wolfe on her special birthday by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.

In memory of Mort Haberman's brother by Florence and Gdalyah Rosenfeld.

BEN-AMI AND ROSLYN SANDERS FAMILY FUND

Mazel Tov to Tani and Gregory Sanders on the birth of their daughter Hanna Roslyn by Dr. Buzelan and Stan Aaron; by Rose and Chick Taylor; by Ian Sadinsky and Joan Barcovitch; and by Edie Landau.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Tani and Gregory Sanders and family.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Tani and Gregory Sanders and family.

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Sid Cohen on the birth of their twin grandchildren by Tani and Gregory Sanders.

ISSIE AND MINNIE SANDLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Leonard Shore and Jane Minsky; by Barbara, Len, Steven and Michael Farber; by The Jewish Community Council/Vaad Ha'ir; by Dorothy and Herb Nadolny; by Ethel and David Malek and family; and by Sally and Elliot Levitan.

RICKIE AND MARTIN SASLVE FAMILY FUND

In memory of Jenny Citron by Sharon and Audie Schwartz.

SAMUEL AND LILLIAN SASLVE MEMORIAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Norma and Phil Lazear on the engagement of their daughter Susan to Sheldon Rosenfeld by Dorothy and Maurie Karp and gang.

HARRY AND FRANCES SAXE FUND

Best wishes to Carole Zagerman on her birthday by Al and Shirley Cohen.

DR. NATHAN AND TESSE SCHECTER FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Syd and Shirley Schecter.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Syd and Shirley Schecter.

CLARE AND MAURICE SCHWARTZ FUND

In memory of Michael Kronick by Clare Schwartz.

VERA AND SAM SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Vera Schwartz by Leah and Donald Chodkoff.

ABRAHAM AND MARY SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Bessie Kostel by Sarah and Milton Shatter; by Sandra and Jimmy Zagon; and by Sonia and Sheldon Shatter.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear father Abraham Shatter by Sheldon and Sonia Shatter.

Best wishes to Beatrice Wright on her birthday by Dorothy and Frances Shaffer.

HARDLO SHAFER MEMORIAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Rhea Wohl on the birth of her grandsons and to Frances Shatter on the birth of her great-grandsons

by Myra, Sam, Joshua and Justin Krane; and by Sheldon and Sonia Shaffer.

CECIL AND FLORENCE SHINDER FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Michael and Diane Shinder and family.

In memory of Irving Rivers by Michael and Diane Shinder and family.

Best wishes to Lou and Sarah Salov on their 50th wedding anniversary by Michael and Diane Shinder and family.

HARRY AND SYLVIA SHINDER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Debbie, Allan, Sydney and Gabrielle Malek.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Debbie and Allan Malek.

Wishing Arnold Faintuck a ru'ah sh'leimah by Ethel and David Malek.

SOL AND ZELAIN SHINDER FUND

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Sid Cohen on the birth of their twin grandchildren by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Zelaine and Sol Shinder.

SHMELZER-HDRD VITCH FUND

Mazel Tov to Alyssa Novick and Max Faile on the birth of their son Noah Jacob by Sol and Anne Shmelzer.

Birthday wishes to our son David by Sol and Anne Shmelzer.

In honour of our 20th wedding anniversary by Sol and Anne Shmelzer.

In memory of Gerry Boretsky by Sol and Anne Shmelzer.

HARDLO AND LILLIAN SHOHET MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Dr. Norman Shohet by Rhoda and Paul Bregman; by Aviva and Chuck Freedman; by Selma Tarrant; by Gladys and John Greenberg; by Lillian and Mark Zunder; by Lawrence and Rhoda Ziman; by Hy and Dorothy Hymes; by Evelyn and Joe Lief; by Harry and Roz Cogan; and by Karen and Ian Zunder.

SAMUEL AND KATHERINE SIGLER MEMORIAL FUND

Mazel Tov to Jules Sigler on being honoured by Ecole Maimonides by Stuart Levine.

LINDA SILVERMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Michael Kronick by Phyllis and Marvin Silverman.

In memory of Irving Rivers by Phyllis and Marvin Silverman.

STELLA AND LOUIS SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Harry Kershman by Myra and Lester Aronson and family.

Wishing Ian Slipacoff well by Myra, Lester, Gregory, Donna, Jordan and Jennifer Aronson.

MDE AND CHARLOTTE SLACK FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Charlotte Slack.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Charlotte Slack.

In memory of Ralph Stenberg by Charlotte Slack.

In memory of Samuel Gittenman by Charlotte Slack.

JACK AND LINDA SMITH FUND

Mazel Tov to Eileen and Ben Goldberg on the birth of their great-grandson by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazel Tov to Howard and Iboya Goldberg on the birth of their grandson by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazel Tov to Max and Sheila Guttman on the birth of their grandson Noah by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazel Tov to Sean and Julia Guttman on the birth of their son Noah by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Leo Abrams by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Ben Ettinson by Leiba and Robert Kranzberg and family.

In memory of Benes Cantor by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Harry Kershman by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazel Tov to Evelyn and Lou Eisenberg on their 50th wedding anniversary by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Abe Palmer by Jack and Linda Smith.

Mazel Tov to Dora and Sam Litwak on the birth of their grandson by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Benie Lief by Jack and Linda Smith.

In memory of Irving Rivers by Jack and Linda Smith.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a loving mother Inez Smith by Leslie, Maureen, Aaron and Mischa Smith.

GUSTAVE AND ESTHER SOLMAN FUND

In memory of a dearly beloved wife Esther Dobrow Solman by Gustave Solman.

HYMAN AND MDLLEY STEINMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Ruth and Irving Aaron.

In observance of the Yartzheit of our dear brother Jack Steinman, 4 Tevet, by Leah and Freda Steinman.

LEAH, FREDA AND HENRY STEINMAN FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Leah and Freda Steinman.

In observance of the Yartzheit of our dear brother Henry Steinman, 17 Tevet, by Leah and Freda Steinman.

WILLIAM "BILL" STERNBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.

In appreciation of Jonathan Wouk by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.

Mazel Tov to cousins Teresa and Drest Pidskhalny on the birth of their grandson Evan Theodore by Laya and Ted Jacobsen.

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FREDA AND PHIL SWEDKO MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Ben Ettinson by Beverly and Irving Swedko.

JOSEPH AND IRENE SWEDLOVE FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Irene Swedlove.

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Len Swedlove on their 25th wedding anniversary by Bert and Abe Klugsberg.

JAY B. TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jenny Citron by Sally and Morton Teller.

In memory of Shirley Cement's mother by Sally and Morton Teller.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Sally and Morton Teller.

RUTH TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Teller.

In memory of Ben Ettinson by Mendy, Jason and Natalie Teller.

SAMUEL AND ANNE TALLER FUND

In memory of Benes Cantor by Marilyn Wasserman; and by Anne Teller.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Anne Teller.

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In memory of Harry Kershman by Gerlie Waxman and family.

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Sid Cohen on the birth of their twin grandchildren by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

Wishing Polly Cohen a speedy recovery by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

Wishing Amie Faintuck a speedy recovery by Lana and Stephen Tanner and family.

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In memory of Harry Kershman by Sunny and John Tavel.

Mazel Tov to Jane and Bill James on the engagement of their daughter Kathy by Sunny and John Tavel.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Sunny and John Tavel.

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In memory of Benes Cantor by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

In memory of Milton "Mutt" Greenberg by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

Best wishes to Miriam and Lou Weiner on their wedding anniversary by Bob and Irene Stein.

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Mazel Tov to Cynthia and Max Weinstein on their 40th wedding anniversary by the Resnick family.

Congratulations to David Weinstein on completing his C.A. degree by the Resnick family; and by aunt Yetta and uncle Larry Aron.

Best wishes to Herb and Dorothy Nadolny on their special wedding anniversary by Yetta and Larry Aron and children.

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Best wishes to Ann Sadoff on her special birthday by Helene Zaret.

Best wishes to Jack Sedoff on his special birthday by Helene Zaret.

In memory of Michael Kronick by Helene Zaret; by Miriam Cantor; and by Annette and Val Litwick.

In memory of Irving Rivers by Helene Zaret.

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Mazel Tov to Lily and Moshe Feig on the birth of their grandson by Marlene Burack.

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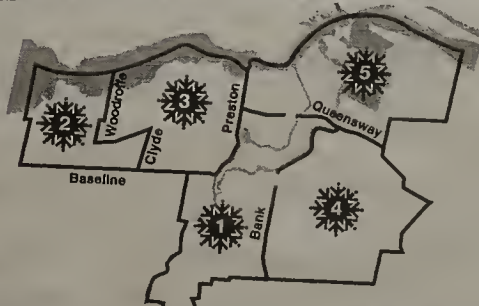
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230-5730
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728-6016
- 4** South East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community
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737-5115
- 5** Good Companion Home Support Services
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The Senior Citizens' Council of Ottawa-Carleton, in conjunction with five home support agencies, has established a City-wide driveway and walkway snow clearing program.

The program allows for senior citizens and disabled persons to be linked with individuals and contractors willing to clear snow from private driveways and walkways. Users of the service make payments directly to those who undertake the maintenance work.

If you're a senior citizen or disabled person residing in the City of Ottawa and would like to take advantage of this opportunity contact one of the home support agencies listed below.

For general information on Operation Snow-Go, please contact the Senior Citizens' Council of Ottawa-Carleton, at 234-8044.

OPÉRATION-DÉNEIGEMENT

Le Conseil des aînés d'Ottawa-Carleton, de concert avec cinq agences de services de soutien à domicile, a créé un programme de déneigement des allées et des entrées à l'échelle de la ville.



Grâce au programme, les personnes âgées et handicapées peuvent être mises en contact avec les personnes et les entrepreneurs souhaitant déneiger les allées et entrées privées. Les participants paient directement les personnes visées pour les services rendus.

Toute personne âgée ou handicapée, qui réside à Ottawa et souhaite faire déneiger son allée ou son entrée, peut communiquer avec une des agences de services de soutien à domicile mentionnées ci-dessous.

Pour obtenir des renseignements généraux sur l'Opération-Déneigement, prière de communiquer avec le Conseil des aînés d'Ottawa-Carleton, au 234-8044.

JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR



MONDAY, JANUARY 26	TUESDAY, JANUARY 27	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28	THURSDAY, JANUARY 29	FRIDAY, JANUARY 30	SATURDAY, JANUARY 31	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
	<p>Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12 noon.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Hebrew for Beginners, Beth Shalom West, 15 Chartwell Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p>		<p>Ottawa Talmud Torah Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p> CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:49 PM</p>		<p>Beth Shalom West Symposium on Jewish Education, Beth Shalom West, 15 Chartwell Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p>
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
<p>Jewish Community Centre Golden Age Bingo Luncheon, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Executive Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12 noon.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Hebrew for Beginners, Beth Shalom West Congregation, 15 Chartwell Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Family Services/École Maimonides Parenting Workshop, École Maimonides, 25 Esquimaux, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Vaad Ha'Ir Executive Board Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Vaad Ha'Ir Board of Trustees Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>		<p> CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 4:59 PM</p> <p>Leah Schnitzer Memorial Shabbaton, Adath Shalom Congregation, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Leah Schnitzer Memorial Shabbaton, Adath Shalom Congregation, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Temple Israel, Music from the Theresienstadt Ghetto, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, Services 8:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Leah Schnitzer Memorial Shabbaton, Adath Shalom Congregation, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Beth Shalom Contemporary Issues, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Torah Academy of Ottawa, Interactive Open House, Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>JNF Tu B'Shevat Telethon, Regional Group, 200 Catherine Street, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Beth Shalom Healing Service, Beth Shalom Congregation, 151 Chapel Street, 7:00 p.m.</p>

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Council. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by advising Kayla Mallay, calendar co-ordinator at 789-9730 any time. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided.



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FEBRUARY 18 FOR MARCH 9

MARCH 4 FOR MARCH 23

MARCH 18 FOR APRIL 6

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 Ken Morgan, Winnipeg (father of Tanya Abrams)
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